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Israel Defence Forces soldiers on the move during a Joint Armoured Corps and Infantry exercise in the north yesterday. (IDF photo)

Katyusha lands in Jordan Valley

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — A Katyusha rocket was fired early yesterday morning apparently from Jordan and landed in the Jordan Valley. No one was hurt and no damage was caused.

The rocket was fired from near the borders of Israel, Jordan and Syria, converge. Jordanian soldiers were observed yesterday searching for the launching sites of the rockets.

Over the last few months several Katyusha rockets have been fired from Jordanian territory toward Israel. No one was hurt in any of those incidents.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin has warned Jordan that it should not change its policy of limiting terrorist activity.

Rabin, who visited the area yesterday, was quoted as saying he is concerned about the recent upsurge of rockets fired from Jordan.

Bomb blast in Petah Tikva

PETAH TIKVA (Itim). — A bomb placed near two gas canisters seriously damaged an apartment building when it exploded in the centre of town here yesterday afternoon.

Five Border Policemen were injured from breathing in the gas fumes that filled the air in the street after the blast, which was heard throughout Petah Tikva. Twelve apartments were damaged in the explosion, six of them seriously, but disaster was averted because the blast was blocked by a reinforced concrete wall next to the gas canisters.

Firemen quelled the fire that broke out in the Wingate Street building half an hour after it started. Police originally attributed the blast to the gas canisters exploding, but later discovered a bomb had been placed at the site. Investigation is underway.

Bomb is disarmed in Jerusalem

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Police believe that the same individual or group of terrorists is responsible for several bombing attempts in the Jerusalem area in the past year, including yesterday's attempt on Jaffa Road.

The owner of a kiosk near a large intersection just east of the Mahane Yehuda market, across from the Clal Building, noticed a grey rucksack under a bus-stop bench near his kiosk at 10 a.m., and called police. Sappers used the new "Hobo" robot acquired earlier this year to move the 4-kilo explosive device hidden in the rucksack from beneath the bench to the curb.

With hundreds of pedestrians watching from 100 metres away, and with cars trapped in traffic jams for a two-kilometre radius, the sappers

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PNC acclaims Arafat as chairman of PLO

AMMAN (Reuters). — The Palestine National Council yesterday reaffirmed its confidence in Yasser Arafat as leader of the Palestinian movement with rapturous acclaim.

Arafat, who announced he was resigning as chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization on Tuesday night, said he would abide by the verdict of the PNC, the Palestinian parliament-in-exile, and retract his resignation.

Arafat and the 13 other members of the PLO executive committee, its inner cabinet, had to resign en masse under PNC rules to allow a new committee to be elected.

The PLO leadership chooses the new committee in private and the list is then adopted by the PNC at its closing session. This was scheduled for last night, but officials said it could be delayed until today.

During his address, Arafat said "an Arab ruler" put a Soviet-made

Reagan hopeful on chances for new Mideast peace talks

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — President Reagan said in an interview published yesterday that recent moves in the Middle East indicate Arab states might eventually follow Egypt's example and agree to negotiate with Israel.

Reagan told the *Washington Times* newspaper that recent encouraging developments include the decision by King Hussein of Jordan to restore relations with Egypt.

He also singled out the Palestine Liberation Organization's decision to hold its current meeting in Jordan instead of Syria and the resumption of relations between the U.S. and Iraq.

Reagan said the moderate Arab states now have more trust in the U.S. as an intermediary.

3 Israelis held by Jibril interviewed

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Pictures of three Israeli soldiers held by Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command for more than two years have appeared in a Beirut magazine along with an interview said to have been conducted recently.

The pictures, published in the latest edition of *al-Kifah al-Arabi* (Arab Struggle), showed Hezi Shai, Nissim Shalem and Yosef Grof, all in their early 20s, looking cheerful. The

NII is seeking the keys to a IS34b. 'collection box'

By ILAN CHAIM
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The National Insurance Institute is sitting on an insurance fund for the elderly worth about IS34 billion — which it cannot use.

The fund has been accumulated over the years from mandatory salary contributions. Legislation is necessary to permit the NII to use it for nursing care and other services for the elderly.

In 1980 the Knesset passed a framework law for welfare insurance, which determined that such insurance — for nursing care, etc. — would automatically apply to anyone who pays the mandatory premiums for old-age and survivor's benefits. This premium — 0.2 per cent of the gross monthly salary, paid half by the employer and half by the worker — applies to all salaried workers.

However, the framework law did not provide for the distribution of the funds. The law merely states that "the scope and conditions of eligibility for welfare insurance

Former U.S. defence secretary at Haifa U. symposium: Prestige may be primary consideration in Lavi project

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Former U.S. secretary of defence Arthur Schlesinger yesterday said that Israel's Lavi fighter-aircraft project may be more a matter of prestige than a cost-effective enhancement of its defence capacity.

Speaking to reporters at a Haifa University symposium on U.S.-Israel relations (see page 3), he said "unequivocal (security) guarantee" might be more effective than the existing *de facto* guarantees in reducing "the temptations" of others to attack Israel. "But it would come at the expense of important U.S. policy objectives in the Persian Gulf, since the Arab countries there would oppose such a treaty."

He believed that Israel could reduce its military budget since Egypt,

Explosion is averted in Labour

By MARK SEGAL
Post Political Correspondent

In his 11th-hour decision not to go to Amman, Abdel Wahab Darousha has lifted the Labour Party out of a political minefield.

Until Labour whip Rafi Edri announced last night that Darousha would be returning home today — without going to the Jordanian capital — Labour leaders were deeply concerned about both the long- and short-term political ramifications of his unauthorized journey.

During the day, while Edri was busy convincing Darousha to change his plans, party figures were careful to avoid any hasty move that might propel Darousha into the waiting arms of Mapam.

According to party sources, Mapam MK Mohammed Wattad was an active participant in Darousha's travel plans, and may have been planning to join his Knesset colleague in the now-cancelled "peace mission."

Party sources explained that cold coalition calculations militated against action against Darousha. Severe sanctions, including Labour support of a move to strip him of his Knesset immunity, might have

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National coalition 'unscathed' by episode

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The national unity coalition has emerged unscathed from the Darousha episode, a Likud cabinet minister told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

While some Likud politicians are expected to bait the Labour Party over the affair until it subsides, the Likud leadership says has no intention of making a serious issue

'I'll try again to speak to PLO,' Darousha says

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MK Abdel Wahab Darousha said "I would do it again" if the "right opportunity comes up." He spoke in a television telephone interview.

Darousha, who was due back here this morning after waiting in vain for a Jordanian visa and bowing to political pressure from his political leaders in the Labour Party, said: "I still believe that this initiative was the right thing, and I'll repeat it at the right time... it is the proper thing to do at this time."

He told the *Kotzer Rashit* weekly before his departure on Tuesday that he was travelling to Amman "as a political person, as a public servant with a definite purpose, in accordance with what I promised before being elected to the Knesset."

He said in the interview that he believes "profoundly in the possibil-

MK due in Israel this morning Darousha persuaded to call off Amman trip

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MK Abdel Wahab Darousha is due to return home early this morning after his aborted attempt to reach Amman to speak before the Palestine National Council.

The Labour Party MK yielded to political pressure from party faction leader MK Rafi Edri. Acting at the behest of Prime Minister Peres, Edri called on Darousha to accept party discipline and to cancel his mission.

In a television interview conducted by telephone last night, Darousha said that by yesterday afternoon, after waiting for almost 18 hours in Nicosia, he had still not received a Jordanian visa. But the PLO's executive committee had been making "all possible efforts" to get him permission to travel to Amman to speak his mind on the issue of peace between Israel and the Palestinians, he said.

Edri told *The Jerusalem Post* that it had taken "many hours of conversations" with Darousha before he was persuaded to turn back. "He

tried to convince me, over the phone, to allow him to make the trip," said Edri.

Edri earlier told an interviewer that a special plane had been sent to Nicosia from Jordan to pick up the MK. But no confirmation of this was available.

Edri emphasised yesterday in his telephone conversation with *The Post* that it was Darousha's "loyalty" to the party that had finally dissuaded him from going ahead with his plan to speak before the PNC.

The MK, who was bitterly attacked in the Knesset yesterday, was vague on what had actually prompted him to give up his efforts to reach Amman.

"One of the reasons," he said in the TV interview, "was that the permission from the Jordanians, the visa, didn't arrive."

"The central reason," he said, "was the extensive conversation I held with party colleague Rafi Edri... and as a member of the faction and the party, I was convinced."

According to Darousha, there was "great excitement in the PLO to receive me with open arms." Reports from Amman quoted PNC spokesman Ahmed Abdul Rahman as saying that the PLO had not invited the MK.

East Jerusalem journalist Raymond Tawil yesterday denied that she had helped facilitate contacts between Darousha and the PLO. "If I had, it would have been against the law," she said, referring to the law preventing contacts with enemy agents. But along with many ranking West Bank and Gaza Arabs, she praised Darousha's "courage."

Knesset in uproar

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Frequent shouting matches broke out in the Knesset plenum yesterday as speaker after speaker expressed views on the Darousha affair.

The rows were mostly between the Likud benches and the left opposition factions. Deputy Speaker Eliezer Shostak expelled Gula Cohen (Tehiya) from the chamber.

Vice-Premier Shamir contented himself with a single sentence: "If what was published in today's papers about the step of the MK in question is true, I will only say that it is a grave, hostile, and dangerous step."

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, who followed Yossi Sarid (Citizens Rights Movement), noted that Sarid was hoping that Darousha would make it to Amman and had asked, "Why the hysteria? Why the fear?"

"The concept of respect for the law has become a cliché, to be used selectively, according to one's ideology, and there is no true concern for respect for the law in the State of Israel," Nissim said.

He said that the same people who protested when settlers took the law in their own hands in situations bordering on self-defence were now rejoicing over another manifestation of disregard for the law.

If Darousha had reached Amman, it would constitute a *prima facie* case of breaking the law, Nissim said. Only a few days ago the attorney-general asked the police to investigate whether the Israelis who went to Amman to take part in the PNC meeting had violated the Emergency Regulations (Leaving the Country).

Nissim said that the attorney-general would undoubtedly act in the same matter with regard to Darousha.

Knesset members made the following points:

Gula Cohen (Tehiya): Before Darousha returns to the Knesset, he must be arrested. And let's stop this lame discussion about his having acted in the performance of his Knesset duties.

Sarid: Darousha did not go to

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Weizman favours unilateral pullout if Nakoura talks fail

Jerusalem Post Reporter

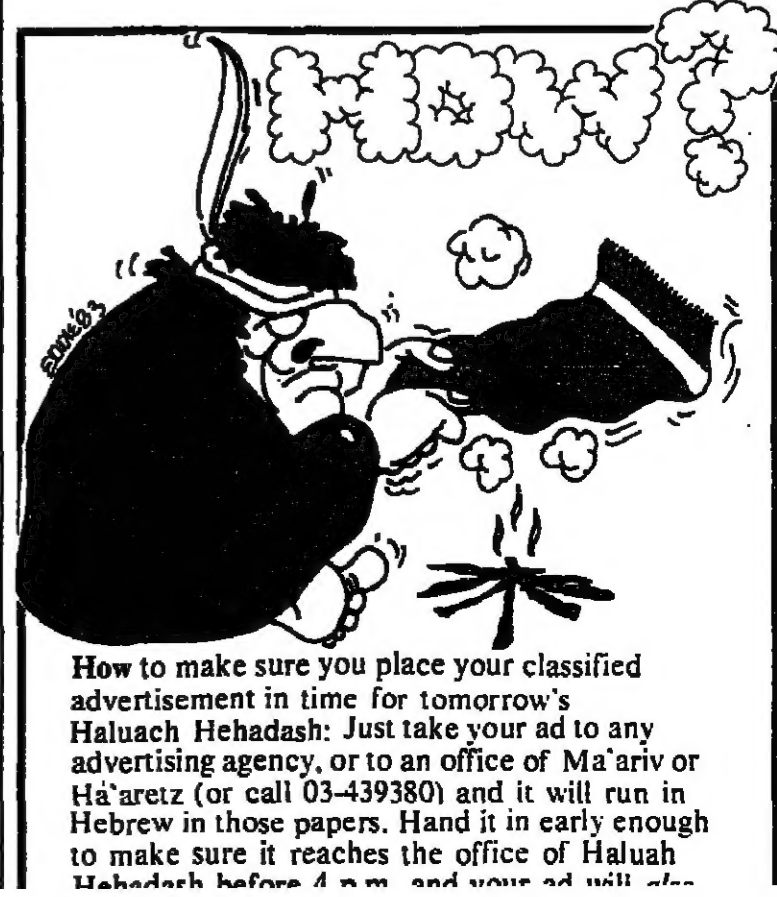
Minister-without-Portfolio Ezer Weizman said last night he would be in favour of unilateral withdrawal from Lebanon to the international border should the Nakoura talks fail.

If there is no agreement possible with the Lebanese delegation, Israel should withdraw totally from Lebanon, as it did after the 1978 Litani Operation, and plan effective and forceful military strikes across the border in case of terrorist attacks.

The former defence minister said, speaking on television's *Moked* programme, Weizman said this was his personal opinion, adding that Prime Minister Peres is aware of his views. He would not set a time-frame for Israel's withdrawal, saying only that the situation now is worse than it was before the Lebanon war began in June, 1982 when there was an effective cease-fire.

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THE WEATHER

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Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
Humidity	Wind-Mph	Max
Jerusalem 71	9-17	17
Golan 52	12-19	19
Nahariya 59	9-16	15
Safed 54	10-16	16
Haifa Port 64	16-22	22
Tiberias 58	16-23	24
Nazareth 51	12-21	20
Alula 45	10-24	24
Shomron 49	10-20	20
Tel Aviv 52	14-22	22
B-G Airport 51	13-24	24
Jericho 54	12-26	26
Gaza 63	14-20	20
Beersheba 42	13-23	23
Eilat 28	14-26	27

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Herzog yesterday visited the Upper Galilee town of Ma'alot and the adjacent Arab village of Tashiba, which have a joint local council. Herzog praised the example of Jewish-Arab co-existence the two communities were setting. Earlier in the day Herzog visited the Galilee settlement of Kfar Havradim.

Dr. Robert Merrille, Australian ambassador to Israel, and Bruce Lindenmayer, trade commissioner and commercial counselor of the Australian Embassy, this week attended a seminar presented by the Australian, Ghanaian and Kenyan participants of the international course on irrigation and soil management held at the Volcani Agricultural Institute in Beit Dagan.

Former Knesset Speaker Menahem Seidman will speak on "Israel and the Free World" at the meeting of the Rotary club at the Tel Aviv Hilton at 1:15 p.m. today.

ARRIVALS

Sam Rothberg, international chairman of Israel Bonds, and Julian Venzky, national co-chairman for community leadership of Bonds, for the memorial gathering for Golda Meir, and for the ceremony for the awarding of the Golda Meir fellowships.

Rabin's London visit

Jerusalem Post Correspondent LONDON. — Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin's private visit to London next week will be a low-key event. He will have brief meetings with Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe and Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine, but he is not expected to secure a change in British policy banning arms sales to Israel.

Foreign Office Minister Richard Luce told parliament yesterday that while restrictions on the issue of export licences for the sale of certain equipment to Israel are kept under close review, the government has "no immediate plans to lift them."

Arafat won't go to UK

LONDON (Reuters). — Plans for Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to pay his first visit to Britain have been cancelled, his intended host said last night.

Author Alan Hart, who invited Arafat to London to promote a biography he has written about him, said the trip was called off because Britain would not give assurances of a visa.

Arafat's spokesman said in Amman earlier this week the PLO leader was interested in visiting Britain, "but not just to sign books."

Shlomo Shenhod, at 70

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Shlomo Shenhod, poet and translator, died after an abdominal operation yesterday at Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv, at the age of 70.

He is survived by his wife Terry. The funeral procession is to leave the municipal funeral parlour on Rehov Daphna at 1 p.m. Born in Poland, Shenhod was fluent in Yiddish and Hebrew, and wrote in both languages.

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HOME NEWS

Weizman hits the roof over 'coalition foul-up'

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"I quit!" Minister without Portfolio Ezer Weizman declared yesterday bursting into Prime Minister Peres's office minutes after the Knesset voted to discuss a motion Weizman wanted removed from the agenda.

A few hours later, when it became apparent that the Knesset vote resulted from a "coalition foul-up," as Energy Minister Moshe Shahal put it, Weizman (Yahad) retracted his threat.

The storm in a tea cup broke out when MK Amal Nasser e-Din (Likud) called for a discussion of Weizman's proposal to abolish the office of the prime minister's adviser for Arab affairs, stating that the adviser fulfills an important function. (Knesset story — page 3)

Speaking on Israel Television's *Moked* programme last night, Weizman denied that he had threatened to resign.

"Nasser e-Din took a part of my programme to improve the treatment of Arabs and wanted to present it separately, although it had not

been discussed yet by the government. That's why I asked that the issue be removed from the agenda. "Since it was raised anyway, I gave a detailed answer, but for some reason my Likud coalition colleagues voted otherwise. That upset me," Weizman explained.

"When Shahal and Alignment faction chairman Rafi Edri explained that what happened was due to faulty procedure that would not be allowed to recur, I regarded the issue as settled," Weizman said.

Yahad sources said Weizman sees the incident as another attempt by the Likud to hamper his efforts to act in the government.

As a result of this incident, coalition chairwoman Sara Doron (Liberals) is abroad and Edri, who is replacing her, was supposed to have clarified to the coalition members the position before the issue was brought to the vote. Alignment members charged yesterday.

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Treasury: Only a \$550m. cut can prevent economic crisis

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The Treasury yesterday turned to the media for support in its bid to cut \$550 million from the government budget. Facing stiff opposition from various ministries, the Treasury broke weeks of silence and held a press conference to explain its proposals.

Director-General Emmanuel Sharon and Budgets Commissioner Aharon Fogel told reporters that only a cut of this magnitude could save the country from economic and social crisis.

"We need to reduce the balance of payments by \$2 billion if we are to ensure stable credits and easy terms of payment. Without a slash in the budget, this will not be possible."

The four-minister committee

dealing with the budget cuts is to end its deliberations today.

According to Sharon, the proposed budget cuts will not cause unemployment if wages are at a level the Treasury considers appropriate. Sharon considers the 1982 wage level adequate.

"We would like to have a system of increments that would prevent large wage fluctuations," said Sharon.

At a briefing for social-welfare reporters yesterday, senior Treasury officials echoed the need to cut additional funds from the health and welfare budgets. The government's share in the two budgets must be cut by \$300 million and \$200m, respectively, they said, saying that such cuts would not necessarily mean a reduction in vital services.

Mitterrand supports Assad's efforts 'to assist Lebanon'

DAMASCUS (AP). — French President Francois Mitterrand concluded a three-day visit here yesterday, saying that his talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad had given "a useful and positive direction" to French-Syrian relations.

Mitterrand returned to Paris shortly after holding a joint news conference with his Syrian counterpart. Mitterrand had been scheduled to give the news briefing alone.

The two presidents expressed agreement on South Lebanon. Mitterrand said: "Lebanon must recover its liberty. France is favourable to a complete evacuation of the Israeli troops...who can disapprove Syria's efforts to keep Lebanon together and assist it?"

Assad in turn reiterated Syria's "full support, whatever sacrifices it takes, to Lebanon's sovereignty on all its territory."

The two leaders apparently did not end their differences over Arab-Israeli relations and the Iran-Iraq war.

Syria has supported Iran in its four-year war with Iraq, which has received weapons and other aid from France.

Before Mitterrand's visit, a presidential spokesman said that relations between the two nations had cooled, in part because of several acts of terrorism against French interests that were indirectly attributed to Syria.

These included the 1981 assassination of France's ambassador to Lebanon in a Syrian-controlled area of Beirut and the 1983 truck bomb attack that killed 58 members of the French peacekeeping force in Beirut.

Mitterrand said yesterday, however, that "we have no proof, consequently no right, to accuse Syria of being connected with certain acts."

Assad insisted that "Syria is against any kind of terrorism, and we had nothing to do with the explosions which affected France during the past years."

Lebanese Army poised 'for any Israeli withdrawal'

BEIRUT (AP). — Prime Minister Rashid Karamah said yesterday that his government will go ahead with a plan to deploy troops on Lebanon's major north-south highway to be prepared for an Israeli withdrawal from South Lebanon.

Karamah made the announcement after a four-hour cabinet meeting that was attended for the first time in weeks by Druse leader Walid Jumblatt, who had boycotted the previous six meetings. "We have to be ready to face any withdrawal that might result from the Nakoura talks," he said.

Karamah criticized Israel's stance in the talks scheduled to resume for a sixth session today.

He said that Israel wants the southern third of Lebanon divided into two security zones: a southern zone to be patrolled by the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army and a

northern zone to be manned by UN troops with backing from the Lebanese army.

Lebanon "will not accept anything that infringes on our sovereignty and authority over our territory," Karamah said in his rejection of a role for the Israeli-backed SLA.

The coastal highway deployment will be the second phase of a security plan that began Monday with the deployment of the Lebanese army in Beirut.

The new phase is designed to reopen the north-south highway, which is now partially controlled by rival militia factions and, in sections, closed to motorists.

Karamah also disclosed that contacts were under way to bring about another phase of the security plan, which calls for the reopening of the Beirut-Damascus highway. The reopening was scheduled to take place in about 10 days.

4 held as suspected members of 'well-organized' drug ring

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Sara Angel and three others were remanded into custody for 15 days by the magistrates court here yesterday on suspicion of belonging to a drug ring that the police described as "beautifully organized."

The suspects are Tikva Arviv, 24, of Holon, Tzvi Dolinger, 34, David Shuki, 26, and Angel, 25, all of Tel Aviv. Angel was recently acquitted on charges of murdering two suspected heroin couriers.

The police said that since September the suspects have been buying drugs in the West Bank and distributing them mainly in the Yeminite Quarter in Tel Aviv. The police said that the ring was highly organized, with each member having a specific task.

In another case, in the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday, two women received prison sentences for selling heroin on Dizengoff Street at the beginning of the year.

Yafe Mordechai, 26, of Tel Aviv, was sentenced to 28 months in jail, including time for a suspended sentence which was activated. Edna Levi, 34, of Petah Tikva, was sentenced to one year in prison and a year and a half suspended.

The two were caught when they sold heroin to an undercover agent.

In a different case, in the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court, Jacqueline Glazberg (Biton), 36, of Tel Aviv, was sentenced to nine months imprisonment and 27 months suspended for possession of heroin and supplying the drug to other at no charge.

'Time' man testifies on Sharon

By WALTER RUBY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — David Halevy, the Jerusalem-based correspondent for *Time* magazine, testified yesterday in the Ariel Sharon-TIME trial that he believes that Sharon knew that the Phalangists were likely to take retaliatory action against the Palestinians in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps, and that Sharon did nothing to stop the massacre.

Asked by Sharon's lawyer Milton Gould exactly what he meant to convey to *Time*'s readers in the dispatch he wrote in early December 1982, which later became the basis for *Time*'s February 21, 1983 cover story, "The Verdict is Guilty," Halevy replied that he meant to convey, "that Mr. Sharon [made clear] that he would neither help nor interfere with the Phalangists."

Judge Abraham Sofaer asked Halevy: "Did you want the readers to understand that Sharon approved the massacre?" The veteran Israeli journalist responded: "Sharon knew there would be a massacre, but he turned his back and didn't do anything."

In response to questions from Gould, Halevy said that he flew from Jerusalem to Beirut on the morning of September 15, 1982, and that he arrived on the scene of the two critical meetings in which Sharon participated that day — with the Phalangist high command at Karantina, and with Pierre and Amin Jemayel at Bifkaya — only minutes after Sharon had departed from the meetings.

Halevy said, however, that he received accounts of the meetings from three separate Israeli sources who participated.

Halevy said he could not reveal the identities of his sources, but indicated that two of them were Israeli generals, and that the third was connected with Israeli intelligence.

Halevy said the first general told him that Sharon had told the Jemayels "there was a Syrian/Palestinian conspiracy" to kill Bashir. However, Halevy conceded that the first general had given no indication that Sharon discussed revenge with the Jemayels.

Halevy added that the second general said he had heard that Sharon had spoken of the need for answering the conspiracy against Bashir, but that Sharon had spoken in somewhat vague terms. Asked by Gould why he had not relayed this information to the Kahan Commission, Halevy responded that he had not been asked to do so.

Halevy said that his third source read him the notes from the Bikfiya meeting and they made it clear that Pierre Jemayel had spoken clearly of the need to take revenge or retaliation. Halevy said that according to this source, Sharon had not explicitly approved the statement of Pierre Jemayel, but showed that he approved through "a gesture, body language, or some kind of sign."

Halevy said that his fourth source, a government official, informed him that there was "deep involvement" of both the Jemayels and Sharon in the events leading up to Sabra and Shatila.

BOMB

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worked on the device. At exactly 10:30, half an hour before it was due to explode, they neutralized it with a rifle shot that destroyed the detonating mechanism and dispersed the explosive material.

There have been 15 attempted bombings in the capital in 1984. The most recent successful bombing was last spring only a block from yesterday's incident, outside a shop on Jaffa Road.

Jerusalem Police Commander Haim Albaldes yesterday called on the public to be on the alert. Sources in the Jerusalem police said that there may be further attempts in the near future as a result of this week's convening of the Palestine National Council in Amman.

MK's family proud of his 'courageous acts'

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

IKSAL. — Relatives of MK Abdel Wahab Darousha waited anxiously throughout yesterday for news of his whereabouts.

The atmosphere at his brother's home here in the evening was tense as the family listened to radio reports of the MK's intentions. But there was also a sense of pride that someone from their village, nestled beneath Nazareth, had the courage to attempt, single-handedly, a dialogue of peace.

Darousha's family maintained they had known nothing of his intentions to address the Palestine National Council meeting in Amman. The news came as a surprise, they said, but not as a shock.

"The people here are very proud that one of their own has had the courage to act on his beliefs and try to develop the beginnings of a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian problems," Darousha's brother Said told *The Jerusalem Post*.

"People here hope he will reach Amman and bring the message of the Israeli Arabs to the PLO — to

stop making war and to begin a new era of peace. I believe the main thing he hopes to achieve is to influence the PLO to change item seven of its manifesto which calls for the destruction of the Israeli state, and get them to accept Israel's right to exist. Only then can a dialogue begin."

He maintained that 90 per cent of Israeli Arabs support his brother's attempt, and even some of the moderate Palestinians in the occupied territories back him.

Said however expressed "disappointment" in the reaction of the Labour Party's leadership.

The Labour MK has declared on many occasions that the PLO is the only representative of the Palestinian people. He believes however, that the solution to the Israeli-Palestinian problem should be through direct negotiations between Israel and the PLO.

Residents of the village, half of whom are related in one way or another to the Darousha family, described the Knesset Member as a soft-spoken man who has worked hard to foster better relations between Jews and Arabs.

As a teacher at the village school, and subsequently head-master of the nearby high school, he encouraged Israeli children, including groups from Tel Aviv, to visit the village. He also arranged for children from the village to visit kibbutzim.

Darousha, who is married with seven children, also worked to improve sports and health facilities in the village. Yet residents described him as a "very modest person."

While the residents of his own village, which has a population of about 8,000, were full of praise for Darousha's efforts, the reaction of residents in nearby Nazareth was less enthusiastic.

Residents of the town, the majority of whom voted for the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality in the elections, felt his efforts were doomed because he did not have the necessary support either from the Israeli government or the PLO.

There were some, however, who felt that Darousha was too astute a politician to have undertaken this venture without at least some tacit understanding from members of his own party.

LABOUR ROW

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driven Darousha out of the Labour Party, taking his mandate with him to Mapam. That would have given Labour, together with Ezer Weizman's Yahad, 40 MKs to the Likud's 41. The change, the sources said, might have enabled the Likud to pressure Premier Peres for a change in the national unity coalition.

Party officials were also concerned that punitive action against Darousha might have done serious damage to Labour's position in the Arab sector, while doing nothing would have damaged its image in the broader electorate.

DAROUSHA PERSUADED

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Avraham Katz-Oz said that "if he broke the law he should be prosecuted."

Minister-without-Portfolio Ezer Weizman said last night he understood Darousha's motives and emotions, although the Arab MK had erred in the way he went about it. Since he did not go to Amman and nothing actually happened, there was no reason to pursue the matter, Weizman held.

Speaking last night on the television's *Moked* programme, Weizman said he himself would be prepared to talk with anybody about co-existence with Israel. That also applies to the PLO, if it one day abolishes its charter demanding the destruction of Israel, relinquishes terror and is prepared to live alongside Israel, Weizman said.

He referred to an earlier statement last night by Tebiya MK Rafael Eitan saying that it would have been acceptable to go to Amman on an authorized state mission.

In the Likud, harsher terms were used. Foreign Minister Shamir said in the Knesset that in his view, Darousha's actions were "serious, hostile and damaging."

Others, further to the right, such as MK Geula Cohen (Tehiya), drew parallels between the Knesset Committee's deliberations on the subject of MK Meir Kahane's parliamentary immunity and what seemed, yesterday afternoon, to be Darousha's violation of the law.

On the left, there was praise for the only Arab MK from the Labour Party.

MK Yossi Saged of the Civil Rights Movement, mocked coalition members who condemned Darousha yesterday afternoon.

"There's still hope he'll come home before going to Amman, before he's had a chance to explain himself," said Saged. He agreed with a Peace Now statement condemning those who lashed out at Darousha.

New Senate majority leader usually supports Israel

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Israeli officials and American Jewish political activists in Washington were generally pleased yesterday by the election of Republican Robert Dole of Kansas as the new Senate majority leader.

Dole, who succeeds the retiring Howard Baker of Tennessee, has usually supported Israel, although he voted with the Reagan administration in 1981 in favour of the Saudi Awacs surveillance package.

Dole's selection as majority leader has apparently increased the prospect that Indiana's Richard Lugar might become the next chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee — instead of Jesse Helms of North Carolina.

But no final word on the chairman of that key panel is expected for several days as senators continue to jockey for other influential posts in the next session, which convenes in January.

Lugar, like Helms, is a conserva-

Iraq says it will not obstruct peace with Israel

WASHINGTON. — Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz accused Israel on Tuesday of aggression and of seizing Arab lands, but said his government would not stand in the way if Jordan and the Palestinians decided to make peace with Israel.

"I say it officially. We are not going to oppose it even if we don't like it," Aziz said in outlining Iraqi policies at a news conference.

Aziz ruled out relations with Israel.

Israel's ambassador to Washington invited Aziz to visit Israel and see for himself that the Jewish state is not "claiming most of the Arab world as its territory," as Aziz had said.

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Likud opposes Alignment on Arab Affairs post

The Likud and the Alignment split in the Knesset yesterday over whether to abolish the office of Adviser to the Prime Minister on Arab Affairs.

Minister without Portfolio Ezer Weizman, who has been delegated by the prime minister to deal with Arab affairs, defended his plan to abolish the office, opposing the motion for the agenda presented by Amal Nasser e-Din (Likud-Herut), who was for retaining the office.

Ronnie Milo (Likud-Herut) called out that the coalition executive had decided that the motion should be debated either in the plenum or in committee, whichever Weizman preferred. But the Alignment voted to strike the motion from the agenda, and it was joined by the left opposition parties, and David Danin (National Religious Party), and Aharon Abutzeira (Tami), altogether accounting for 22 votes.

The Likud, together with Tehiya, Shas, and Morasha, cast the same number of votes for holding a full debate in the Knesset. Deputy Speaker Eliezer Shostak (Likud-Herut) broke the tie, voting with his faction.

A Herut source told *The Jerusalem Post* that in blatantly ignoring the decision of the coalition executive, Weizman may have been trying to break up the coalition.

Nasser e-Din said that it was Ben-Gurion who had established the

office of Adviser on Arab Affairs, and which had proved to be a wise decision. The office has cut bureaucracy and brought to the Arab villages water, electricity, telephones, and roads.

Heckled repeatedly by Moha Mbari, (Progressive List for Peace), Nasser e-Din said: "We know why you want the office abolished: so that those Arabs who believe in co-existence will stop visiting the office."

But if Weizman thought that the subject was really important, Nasser e-Din said, why doesn't he propose the establishment of a full-fledged ministry for Arab affairs - to be headed by an Arab?

Weizman replied that he has submitted to the prime minister a proposal for re-organizing the handling of the problems of Israeli Arabs, a proposal not yet discussed with the prime minister, or in the cabinet.

Weizman said that his plans would make it possible to deal with Arab affairs more effectively, through government ministries and without an intermediary. The office of adviser was obsolete, and its abolition was only one part of the plan. For the Knesset to debate the subject now would be premature, Weizman said.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, replying to a motion for the agenda by Geula Cohen (Tehiya), said that

after a thorough examination Israel has no doubt that Taba is located in Israeli territory.

Israel is nevertheless prepared, in accordance with the peace treaty, to discuss with Egypt all points in dispute, Shamir said. But Egypt cannot extract Taba from the complex of relations between the two states, while demanding that Israel agree to the boycotting of Jerusalem, and ignoring the procedures laid down in the peace treaty for settling such problems.

Shamir said that at the recent annual meeting in Rome on the subject of the multi-national force in Sinai the Egyptians revived the old proposal that the MNF go into Taba. Israel replied that it is ready to hold bilateral talks on the question, as it did in the past in Beersheba and Ismailiya.

Recently, Israel repeated its offer to Egypt that it cooperate with it in improving relations. We are prepared to immediately renew the talks on Taba and on all other agreements signed with Egypt in 1982, Shamir said, adding that "we are certain that renewal of the negotiations in an atmosphere of goodwill will lead to positive and helpful results for both sides."

Cohen's motion for a debate was supported only by her own Tehiya faction, but some Likud members abstained.

Yossi Sarid (Citizens Rights Movement) noted in a motion for the agenda that this week "only" four ministers are abroad. Last week the number was seven: Patti Burg, Shamir, Levy, Sharon, Sharir, and Navon.

Since the government was formed about 70 days ago, 12 of the cabinet's 25 ministers have been abroad, some of them more than once, Sarid said. Proposing that the cabinet members "take a year's sabbatical from overseas trips," Sarid said the ministers could not come to the public with belt-tightening demands unless they show the way.

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim replied that in this matter Israel cannot be compared to other countries. It has special problems and tasks, notably in foreign affairs and in relations with the Jewish people.

Nevertheless - "and I say this on behalf of the prime minister," - the number of ministers' trips abroad will be curtailed, the goal being better coordination and a limit of two or three ministers abroad at one time, he said.

He added that Knesset Members do not have a reputation for staying at home either, and that their trips abroad are generally not paid for out of their own pockets. It would be proper for them to correct themselves first before criticizing the ministers, Nissim said.

Former assistant secretary of state Lawrence Eagleburger:

'Now is not the time for a Mideast initiative'

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. - Former assistant secretary of state Lawrence Eagleburger said yesterday the time is not right for a new Middle East peace initiative, and that such a move could topple the national unity government.

Speaking to a symposium on U.S.-Israel relations at Haifa University, Eagleburger, seconded by U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis said Israel should first deal with its economic crisis before attempting new efforts to achieve peace with Arab neighbors.

But Sol Linowitz, formerly president Carter's representative to the Palestinian autonomy talks, advocated a determined U.S. peace initiative now "because time is not on the side of peace."

Now that the U.S. elections are over and Israel's unity government is headed by the "more forthcoming" Shimon Peres, the next step should be taken under the Reagan peace plan, he felt.

Eagleburger also said that the Israeli embassy in Washington, except for the Soviet embassy is the most important in the capital. "The

Israeli ambassador is permitted an unprecedented flexibility in his ability to impact on the international policies of the U.S. government and can influence State Department decision-making more than even the Soviet ambassador," he said.

To illustrate just how much the U.S. administration reveres the Israeli ambassador in Washington, Eagleburger recounted that at one stage he had been ordered to call to instruct a foreign ambassador, "not yours."

"I told him there is one ambassador in Washington who may interfere in America's affairs and it's not you."

Eagleburger warned, however, that this very influence causes a great deal of resentment within the State Department and should be wielded carefully.

He also said that the days when the U.S. could "throw money at every problem" are over and that Israel's receipt of so large a share of U.S. assistance "is taken out of someone else's hide," causing further resentment of Israel.

He also called for complete candor by Israel in its dealings with the U.S. Israel's June 1982 decision to

advance 40 kilometres into Lebanon, he said, had "untold consequences in Washington." He dismissed as "baloney" insinuations of U.S. collusion with Israel prior to and during the invasion.

He called on Israel never to give up its readiness to defend itself and not to "ask us to do it for you." He also rejected the proposal that Israel's military and economic aid be included in the U.S. defence budget, "which Congress would never accept."

Linowitz said at the day-long meeting that last Sunday he had met Egyptian President Mubarak and found him deeply committed to peace with Israel despite his attempts to improve relations with other Arab states. From his talks here he had found that "both sides are unwaveringly committed to the peace agreements and determined not to turn back," he said.

Asked for his evaluation of the Nakoura talks with the Lebanese, Linowitz said that temporary setbacks should not stop progress. He believed that there is no need to assume the Syrians do not want the talks to succeed. "They wouldn't have let them get so far," he said.

Special smoke may protect honey bees from disease

Jerusalem Post Reporter
A nation-wide campaign is under way to cleanse honey bees infected with a virulent type of mite.

The parasite appeared four years ago and reached Israel after infecting Europe and nearby Arab states. It has wreaked havoc with the honey industry everywhere by sucking bee blood, debilitating the bees and killing their larvae.

Israel has "prepared for the onslaught as it would a military campaign," says Dr. Aaron Shimshoni of the veterinary service.

With virtually four years to plan a

counterattack, the veterinarians have developed a method of fumigating bee hives with a special smoke designed to cause the mites to leap off the backs of bees for safety. The mites will land on a special paper which, it is hoped, will kill them.

Although the bees should emerge from the exercise with renewed honey-producing abilities, their hive-owners, who met yesterday with the minister of agriculture, asked for help to defray the added costs and to find new markets for honey.

Navon seeks extra hour from each teacher

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Education Minister Yitzhak Navon yesterday said that he plans to ask the nation's 60,000 school teachers to each teach one extra hour a week on a voluntary basis.

Although the Treasury has said that the teachers need to give two hours a week, the Education Ministry spokesman said last night that the extra 60,000 teaching hours would mean a savings of \$28 million by obviating the need to hire any additional teachers. Navon is also resisting Treasury demands that 4,000

teachers be fired. Since Navon has decided that no teaching hours in any subject will be cut and no new teachers will be hired, this plan is the only possible solution, the spokesman said, adding that the minister is confident the teachers will agree. The spokesman stressed this measure is definitely temporary and teachers should not fear its becoming permanent.

Teachers' Union officials last night said the unions are studying the matter.

Haifa cuts overtime benefits for city clerks

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. - Automatic overtime paid to the municipality's clerical staff is to be cut by order of Mayor Arye Gurel, the city hall spokesman reported yesterday.

The spokesman said the decision is part of the municipality's drive to

cut its budget according to Interior Ministry directives.

The ministry has praised the municipality's actions, saying the cuts are a good example for other local authorities, the spokesman said.

He added that the savings could only be calculated after the cuts have been put into effect.



Sephardi Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu blesses an Ethiopian youth at the Youth Aliya Village near Haifa yesterday. (M. Dekel)

Abattoir reopens for ultra-Orthodox

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The slaughterhouse that serves the ultra-Orthodox Eda Haredit in Jerusalem reopened yesterday, two weeks after being closed by court order.

According to the management the slaughterhouse will be moved from Mekor Baruch to a new location in Jerusalem within six years, as one of the conditions set by the municipality for its reopening.

The slaughterhouse was closed because of improper sanitary conditions and administrative procedures. To protest its closure, ritual slaughterers from the Eda Haredit killed chickens in streets around the city.

Photo show to feature old-time Tel Avivians

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - Local residents are asked to help identify some 5,000 pictures of long-time Tel Aviv residents, when photographs by Avraham Soskin, the city's first photographer, go on show soon.

More than 9,000 photos have already been catalogued for the Lavon Institute of Documentation of the Labour movement.

NEW NAME. - The Bat Yam municipal council yesterday decided to call the new neighbourhood in the southern part of the city Ramat Ofer, to honour the memory of former housing minister Avraham Ofer.

U.S. nuclear carrier due in Haifa on Sunday

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. - The American Sixth Fleet nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Eisenhower is due here on Sunday for a nine-day visit.

It will be accompanied by the nuclear-powered guided missile cruiser USS Mississippi.

It will be the first visit of U.S. combat ships for several months. During this period only Sixth Fleet supply ships have called in Haifa for produce and dairy products for the ships at sea.

The 6,000 seamen and airmen aboard the two big fighting ships will be the guests of the Israeli Navy during their stay.

Hatzor man jailed for attempted rape

NAZARETH (Itim). - A 29-year-old Hatzor resident was sentenced yesterday to 4½ years in prison by the district court here after he was convicted of attempting to rape a Kiryat Shmona girl last February. His accomplice in the rape attempt was sentenced to three months in jail, with one year suspended.

Mabuf Buhnik, who gained notoriety some months ago for his razor-blade swallowing act after he appeared on television, was found guilty of gaining entry to the Kiryat Shmona home of two sisters with a fabricated story about the girl's mother. Accompanied by Shimon Morad, Buhnik tried to rape the elder sister. The two men left the house and after a short while, returned to try again to rape her.

PLO flags on IDF bus

SAKHIN (Itim). - PLO flags and anti-Israel slogans were recently painted on a bus in which senior IDF officers travelled to this central Galilee village. The incident apparently happened a few days ago but was only revealed yesterday.

The officers met with the local councilmen who told them relations between Arabs and Jews in the area were "normal."

Angry civil servants plan work disruptions next week

TEL AVIV. - The civil servants are expected to disrupt work next week to attend meetings to protest against planned dismissals and cuts in overtime pay.

Heads of civil service staff committees who met here yesterday decided to take more drastic measures if the government "harms" workers more than it has done so far. These measures could include preventing private contractors from performing work for the government.

The Civil Servants Union said that

huge sums are paid to private contractors and argued it is inconceivable that middlemen be permitted to profit while civil servants are made to suffer.

The union nevertheless indicated readiness to favourably consider proposals for early retirement on condition the retirees get increased pension payments. They are also willing to consider moving workers from job to job within the civil service, but insisted such proposals must come from the employers.

Brodet: No lack of imported materials

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

An artificial shortage of imported raw materials, resulting from the price freeze, has not yet developed, the Knesset Economic Committee was told yesterday.

Many Knesset Members have expressed concern lest importers, faced with regulations to sell their goods here at frozen prices, would stop importing since the devaluation of the dollar prices has not been frozen and they must pay in dollars.

If faced with a shortage of raw materials from abroad, many local manufacturers may shut down production and dismiss workers, MKs argued. But David Brodet, deputy director-general of the Ministry of Industry and Trade in charge of enforcing the price freeze, assured

the committee members there is no need to worry.

"We are not only keeping a watchful eye on inventories of imported goods at shops, but also on inventory levels of imported raw materials in factory warehouses," he said.

"The expanded price freeze order issued Tuesday night specifically exempts all imports that eventually go towards export. As for locally sold vital goods based on imported raw materials, the regulations governing the price freeze provide for approved price increases to ensure a steady supply."

The special approvals, he said, can be given only by the package deal follow-up committee, a tri-partite body composed of representatives of the Histadrut, the Ministry of Industry and Trade and the manufacturers.

Light-plane flying to be taught in Arava

EILAT (Itim). - A school training light-plane pilots is to be established near the Ye'elim campground in the Arava, the campground's director said on Tuesday.

The school will be similar to one already operating near Kibbutz Mahanayim, he said, but will have better light conditions, the director said.

Black market suspect arrested in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV (Itim). - Policemen here yesterday arrested a man for allegedly dealing in foreign currency. Some \$300 and \$150,000 was found in his possession.

The 35-year-old man is reportedly known to police as a dealer in the "Polish Market" behind Allenby Street. The money he had was confiscated and he was released on bail.

Locations sought for wind-energy stations

By AARON SITTNER
Israel is exploring the use of wind power as an energy source.

In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* this week, Prof. Dan Zaslavsky, chief scientist at the Energy Ministry and a teacher at the Technion, said that efforts to determine the maximum energy that could be derived from local winds are being made in and out of the laboratory.

He said: "We have crews scouting the Golan Heights, the West Bank, the Judean Desert and the Negev mountain area, to find the windiest spots for windmills that would rotate the shafts of electricity-producing turbines."

"At the same time, scientists at the Technion are using that institution's wind tunnel to test aspects of setting up a windmill farm. Other scientists are working on mathematical models."

According to Zaslavsky, winds

achieve their highest velocities in Israel more or less during the times of greatest demand for electricity.

Fed into the national electric grid, the energy from a windmill farm could thus give the network a substantial boost, allowing for lower input from the conventional power stations.

Israel's electricity consumption is over 12 billion kilowatt-hours a year. Zaslavsky believes that a wind-energy network could provide two-and-a-half million KWHs a year.

As for economic feasibility, he points out that wind-energy technology is becoming cheaper and that windmill farms do not require huge outlays for infrastructure as do power stations fuelled by oil or coal.

Using windmill farms alongside existing fossil-fuel power stations could probably obviate for some time the need to construct another conventional power station, Zaslavsky said.

It is estimated that a windmill farm built on high ground at Alonai Habashan, in the Golan, could produce electricity at about four cents per KWH compared with just over six cents per KWH the Electric Corporation now pays to generate electricity by oil or coal.

A wind energy system could probably produce as much power annually as do 700,000 tons of oil, Zaslavsky thinks.

Unlike oil or coal, whose burning causes air pollution, a wind-driven turbine produces clean energy, he said. The technology is readily available from countries which are old-timers in the field - the U.S., Holland, Denmark, Sweden and Ireland, he added.

The chief scientist explained that "the amount of power extractable from wind is velocity cubed. In other words, when the wind blows twice as hard, you get eight times as much electricity."

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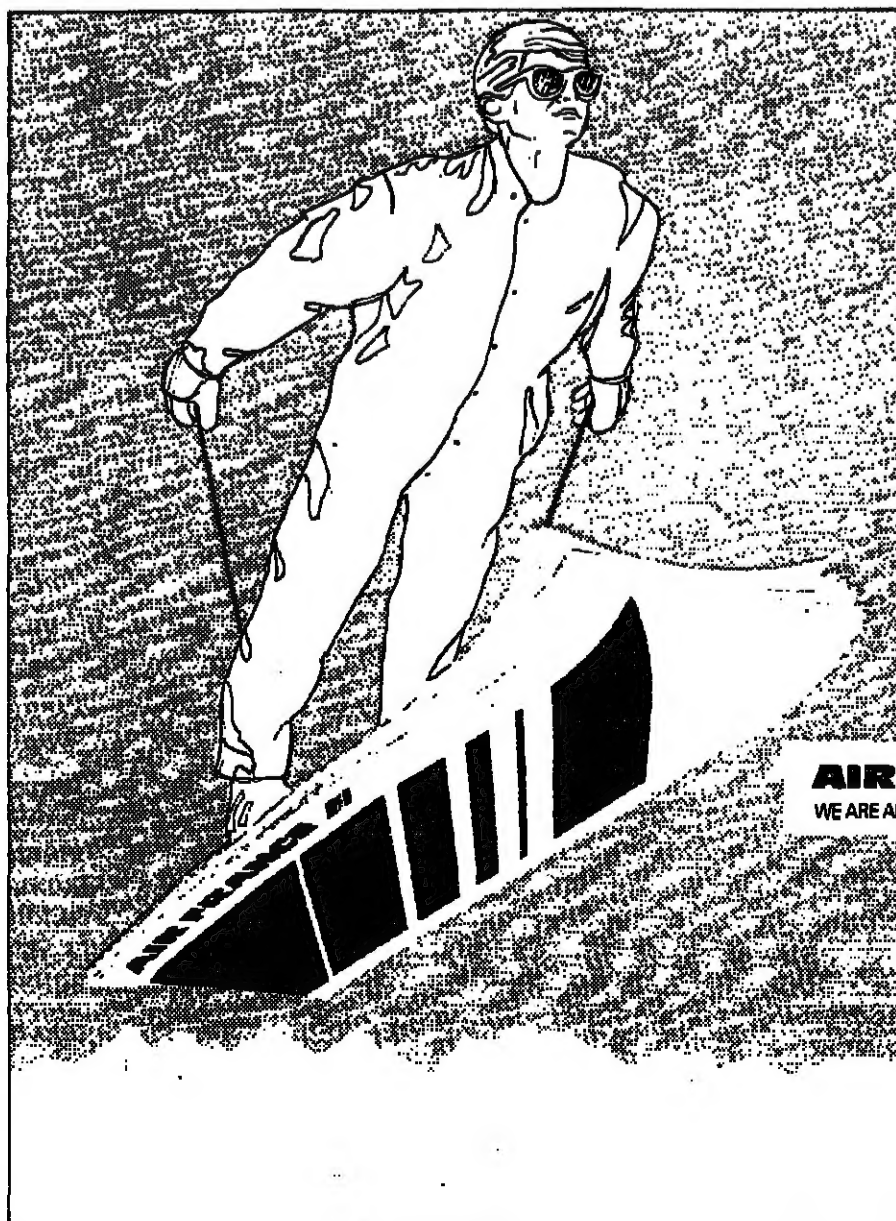
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Soviets, U.S. resume nuclear arms-control talks

MOSCOW. — The U.S. and the Soviet Union resumed talks here yesterday morning on controlling the spread of nuclear weapons, the first such superpower negotiations since February.

A spokesman for the U.S. Embassy said the talks will last through tomorrow at the Soviet Foreign Ministry.

Meanwhile, a Kremlin spokesman said in a long article in the weekly *Literaturnaya Gazeta* that the resumption of arms-control talks with the U.S. "is indeed a step in the necessary and right direction."

The Moscow talks on nuclear non-

proliferation, last held in February in Vienna, are not directly related to the suspended negotiations on medium-range and strategic nuclear weapons or to the troop-reduction negotiations between NATO members and the Warsaw pact countries. But observers say their atmosphere could have a bearing on the January meeting between Secretary of State George Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko to explore arms-control issues.

In Stockholm, meanwhile, the 35-nation European Disarmament Conference yesterday looked set to enter a new phase following informal

Nato and Warsaw Pact acceptance of a Finnish plan to end 10 months of procedural wrangling.

Finland's Ambassador Matti Kahliluoto reported agreement on a framework that would allow detailed negotiations to begin, but said some minor problems still have to be ironed out.

Kahliluoto said he hopes neutral and non-aligned states will table a negotiating structure next week. This would enable the conference to split into working groups before a recess begins December 14.

The conference on confidence- and security-building measures and

disarmament has been stalled since its first session last January by lack of agreement on what should be negotiated.

The delay was mainly due to suspicion by one bloc that the negotiating structure could pre-determine the shape of the outcome. The conference's first phase will end late in 1986.

Moscow has pressed for discussion of political measures such as a ban on the first use of nuclear weapons.

Nato prefers arrangements to exchange military information and thus reduce the risk of surprise attack. (Reuter, AP)

Reagan says U.S. will act if MiGs arrive in Nicaragua

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — President Reagan said in an interview published yesterday that six Soviet ships are en route to Nicaragua and warned Moscow that Washington could not accept the introduction of MiG planes into Central America.

"We've made it plain that we're not going to sit by quietly and accept that," he told *The Washington Times*.

He said the U.S. knows that in several ports at which the ships had called there is evidence of MiG aircraft and the crates that contain them. There is a "probability" that Libya is one country where MiGs could have been put aboard, he said.

Earlier this month Moscow calmed U.S. suspicions by assuring Washington that a Soviet freighter would not unload MiGs in Nicaragua.

Asked if he thought the six Soviet ships had been sent to test his resolve, Reagan said: "I don't know if it is or not. I know they do things like that and we're keeping watch on what's there."

"We're not going to raise Cain over a purely domestic cargo, but we

are in contact with the Soviet Union," he added.

Reagan said that Washington could not ignore the offensive nature of the Nicaraguan military force, the largest in Central America.

Managua's leftist Sandinista government has said it maintains the forces to battle the right-wing Contra rebels that were backed by the Reagan administration until Congress blocked funding for them earlier this year.

Thatcher to sign H'kong pact in Peking

PEKING (Reuter). — British Prime Minister Thatcher is to visit Peking on December 18 to sign the Sino-British agreement for the return of Hongkong to Chinese rule, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

British sources said that Thatcher would sign the document with Premier Zhao Ziyang on December 19 and would leave the following day for Hongkong.

Massive oil spill hits Danish shore

KORSØR, Denmark (AP). — Maritime authorities were detaining a Moroccan chemical tanker yesterday as civil-defence units, environmentalists and local hunters tried to limit coastal damage from Denmark's worst oil spill.

The Environmental Protection Agency reported that 15 kilometres of southwest beaches on Denmark's main island of Zealand were smothered in hundreds of tons of clumpy oil as adverse weather threatened to spill more into a wildlife reserve.

Local hunters were called in to shoot hundreds of swans, eider ducks and other birds that landed in a 1 kilometre band of oil drifting toward shore in Mønsbøl Bay north of this West Zealand harbour.

Maritime authorities said they detained the *Ibn Rochd*, a Moroccan chemical tanker, in the Jutland port of Fredericia after an inspection showed holes in its hull and about 400 tons of bunker oil missing. The ship ran aground in the straits north of Funen on Sunday but had worked itself free.

Girl, 16, shot in Santiago as troops head off protests

SANTIAGO (Reuter). — A 16-year-old girl was shot and seriously wounded and five bombs went off in Santiago as Chile's military government thwarted opposition calls for protests by sending troops onto the streets, police sources said yesterday.

They said Erika Fuentes was wounded in the chest and arm while watering her garden in the southern suburb of La Florida. Witnesses said soldiers were on patrol at the time to prevent demonstrations against President Augusto Pinochet.

The police sources said five bombs exploded overnight and another was defused. One blast damaged installations of the telephone company, while the others felled lamp posts.

Troops guarded major crossroads

to keep roads clear for public transport, and helicopters hovered above the city. Military trucks and armoured cars arrived within minutes of one attempt to barricade a main street.

Opposition political parties, pressing for a quick return to democracy after 11 years of military rule, had called on people to stay home during a second day of protest yesterday. But activity throughout the city appeared to be virtually nonexistent.

Residents said soldiers fired warning shots in the air on Tuesday night to disperse demonstrators in the La Victoria district. In one of the smarter parts of the capital, opposition sympathizers lit candles and banged saucepans as a sign of protest and automatic gunfire was heard.

'Magazine knew Hitler diaries were fake'

WIESBADEN, West Germany (Reuter). — Editorial executives of *Stern* knew that at least some of the Hitler diaries they bought were forgeries before they published them in April 1983, West Germany's federal crime bureau said yesterday.

The bureau said in a statement that after examining samples of the 60 volumes in July 1982 it told the *Stern* executive responsible, Thomas Walde, and the magazine's chief reporter Gerd Heidemann that they were fakes.

It said the statement was in re-

sponse to claims made by Walde in court that the bureau had kept its findings quiet and had to delay its investigation because it was too busy pursuing terrorists.

Heidemann is accused of fraud after *Stern* bought the diaries for over DM 9 million (\$3m.). On trial with him is antiquities dealer Konrad Kujau who has confessed to forging the diaries.

The trial began in August and is expected to last several more months.

Argentina issues human-rights report

BUENOS AIRES (Reuter). — A book describing human-rights violations under military rule was released to the press by the Argentine government yesterday.

The book, *Never Again*, summarizes the results of the state commission on missing persons' 10-month investigation into the fate of thousands of people who disappeared under military rule from 1976 to 1983.

"It is about 500 pages with photographs, diagrams, technical files from clandestine detention camps and the testimony of victims and relatives of victims," human-rights sources said, adding that it was so detailed that several typesetters fainted when going over the chapter

on torture.

The missing-persons commission was dissolved after reporting to President Raul Alfonsín in September.

The commission found military leaders responsible for the abduction, torture and death of thousands of people.

So far, however, Alfonsín's government has failed to win the conviction of any military officer for human-rights violations on civilian or military courts.

Hundreds of human-rights cases are backed up in the Supreme Military Tribunal. Further delays are expected as the members of the tribunal resigned en masse two weeks ago under criticism for their reluctance to bring fellow officers to justice.



Artificial heart recipient William Schroeder at his Louisville, Kentucky hospital Tuesday holds the hand of his son Stan, while his wife Margaret (with eyeglasses) and daughter Cheryl feel the artificial heart. (UPI telephoto)

Ethiopia still awaits grain as emergency stocks run out

ADDIS ABABA (Reuter). — None of the grain appealed for by famine-stricken Ethiopia on October 8 has yet arrived at Ethiopian ports, the country's top relief administrator said yesterday.

Dawit Wolde Giorgis, head of the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission, said that only 8,000 tons of grain remain in the country's stores to feed its millions of famine victims.

Ethiopia needs at least 100,000 tons a month, according to Western estimates, to feed peasants who have been converging on towns in search

of food after two years of drought. Dawit said the situation is critical and he expressed concern about the time it is taking for ships from Europe and elsewhere to arrive and unload at the country's two main ports.

One ship carrying grain berthed at the port of Assab at the end of last month, but that load had been pledged before the October appeal.

Five days ago, an official in charge of UN relief operations in Ethiopia said some 200,000 tons of food had arrived since September.

Egypt on alert on Libyan front

CAIRO (AP). — President Hosni Mubarak yesterday said Egypt is taking precautionary measures along its border with Libya but denied that it is massing troops there.

Relations between the two countries, badly strained since 1972, plunged to a new low earlier this month after Egypt announced it had foiled a Libyan plot to assassinate former Libyan prime minister Abdel-Hamid Bakoush, a political refugee in Cairo since 1977.

Informed sources in Cairo said Egyptian forces based along the Western border with Libya had been put on alert since the Bakoush incident.

Mubarak did not disclose what precautionary measures Egypt had taken, but he was presumably referring to the alert among other possible steps.

Asked about reported "verbal threats" against him by Gaddafi, Mubarak replied: "He is welcome. I have never been terrified by threats at all. I was a military man, and I know what it means."

Mubarak spoke after receiving the

credentials of Jordanian Ambassador Hussein Hammam, the first Jordanian envoy sent to Cairo after a five-year rupture in relations between the two countries.

Mubarak spent half an hour talking with Hammam, who said on arrival in Cairo that he had brought a message from King Hussein.

Meanwhile, Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi declared Tuesday night that all Libyan troops have been withdrawn from Chad while France has sent its troops back to the North African country.

Gaddafi said the allegation that Libya still maintains its troops in Chad is "propaganda and fiction" and added, "We are laughing to hear that." He contended that he has heard that "three hundred French soldiers came back to (Chad)."

However, he sidestepped a question whether he was then saying that President Francois Mitterrand is a liar. "No, he is a good man... and (I) can cooperate with his person, and he has no hostile intention against my country," Gaddafi said.

U.S. said to be doubling aid to Afghan rebels

NEW YORK (Reuter). — The New York Times yesterday said that \$280 million in covert U.S. aid has been earmarked for insurgents in Afghanistan this fiscal year, double the amount for the year that ended October 1.

Golden Nuggets

NEW YORK (AP). — You know a team is on a hot streak when the coach starts to feel sorry for the opposition, and the Denver Nuggets are on a hot streak. The Nuggets won their ninth straight National Basketball Association game and improved their record to 12-2 with a 139-110 victory on Tuesday night over the Los Angeles Clippers.

"We kept after it right from the start and just hustled it open at the end of the first half," coach Doug Moe said. "And then we just came out so aggressively at the second half it was a little embarrassing. You really hope the other team scores in a situation like that."

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was New York 97, Atlanta 96; Philadelphia 93, Washington 89; Portland 115, Cleveland 106; Indiana 126, Milwaukee 105; Boston 114, Dallas 99; Houston 114, San Antonio 97; Phoenix 115, Utah 102; Golden State 109, Chicago 103; and Seattle 104, Kansas City 96.

SCOREBOARD

NHL: Winnipeg 5, Los Angeles Kings 3. St. Louis 6, Vancouver 1. SOCCER: UEFA Cup, 2nd round, 1st leg: Universitatea Craiova 2, Zetjensar Sarajevo 0.

Sports

Shahar wins, Shlomo loses

Post Sports Staff and Agencies
Shahar Perkin won his first round match in the Australian Open in Melbourne, displaying grit and endurance to beat Michael Fancutt of Australia 4-6, 6-2, 6-7, 6-1, 6-2, but Shlomo Glickstein was ousted by Stefan Simonsson of Sweden 6-2, 7-6, 4-6, 7-5. Perkin and Glickstein are playing together in the doubles.
A notable victory in the first round was that of Bill Scanlon (US) over John Fitzgerald (Australia) 7-5, 7-2, 6-7, 6-2. Martina Navratilova required only 39 minutes to thrash Yvonne Vermaak of South Africa 6-1, 6-1.

Key game

DON GOULD
Post Basketball Reporter
The England national team's encounter with Israel's national side tonight at 8:30 at the Yael Elyahu Sports Palace should give Israeli basketball fans a good idea of just how competitive our home teams going to be in World Cup basketball action. Both teams were victorious in opening round play last week, but England's one point victory over Czechoslovakia, one of the best national teams in Europe, served notice on the rest of the squads in the grouping that basketball has risen to a high plateau in England, and that their team has their sights set on reaching the finals in Spain in the summer of 1986.

English coach Bill Besniuk declared on arrival in Israel, "We're here to win."

Our local contingent, coached by Zvi Sherf, know that they will have their hands full tonight, but are confident that they can gain the victory. The expected starters for Israel are Lou Silver, Mickey Berkowitz, Howard Lassoff, David Jauchas and either Israel Elimelech or Haim Zaidman.

Tickets are available at the game or at Hadar 90 Ben Gurion Tel Aviv. Special prices have been arranged for soldiers and youth at 500 shekels. Regular tickets are priced from 750 shekels to 2000 shekels.

Postponed crisis

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An emergency session of the Israel Tennis Association presidium here yesterday decided to postpone until December 30 its extraordinary general meeting, to consider a request from the Israel Tennis Centre for a 20 per cent representation in the ITA, plus full voting rights. The meeting was scheduled to take place today.

ITA general secretary Zvi Meyer told me last night: "The presidium decided to postpone the Centre's application for just a month, in order to ensure that when the extraordinary general meeting does take place, there will be unanimous support for it."

A resolution passed at the end of the nine-hour session also asked the Centre to develop tennis in Israel.

SPORTOTO

By PAUL KOHN

TEL AVIV. — Each of 14 lucky punters won IS7 million last week by marking correctly all 13 results on the Sportoto football pool. Those with 12 right were IS38,000, eleven earning IS7,500 and ten results being worth IS1,125.

Sportoto announced a minimum payout of IS200,000, after this week's games.

GUIDE

Match	Single Line	Permutation
Mac. TA v Yavne	1	1X
Mac. Hafia v Shizhona	1	1X
Be'er TA v Hod	1	1
Kfar Sava v Be'er Sheva	1	1X
Hap. PT v Mac. PT	2	X2
Jaffa v Hafia	1	1
Nesher v Hafia	1	1X
Be'er Sheva v Hafia	1	1X
Shamir v Be'er Sheva	1	1
Holon v Hafia	1	1X
Be'er Sheva v Hafia	1	1X
Rishon v Ashdod	X	X
Be'er Sheva v Hafia	X	X
Hap. RG v R. Ashdod	X	X

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TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL:

8.15 School Broadcasts 15.00 Betty and Lillibee 15.30 Pretty Butterfly 16.00 This is it - live youth magazine 17.00 A New Evening - live magazine

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:

17.30 We were also there - about the Jewish heroes of the Second World War 18.00 Cartoons

ARABIC-LANGUAGE programmes:

18.30 News roundup 18.32 Friend in Need 19.00 Meetings - current affairs 19.30 News

HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at:

20.00 with a news roundup 20.02 Match of the Week 20.30 Movie Time - weekly cinema magazine

21.00 Mabab Newsweek 21.30 Voices in the Forest - documentary on Pappas New Guinea 22.20 The Fourth Arm: Part 6 of a 12-part suspense serial about events of the Second World War. Starring Philip Latham, Paul Shelley and Neil Stacy 23.10 Reggie - American comedy series starring Richard Mulligan; Reggie's Warning 23.35 News

JORDANIAN TV (official):

17.30 Cartoons 17.30 (ITV 3) Macaroni 18.00 French Hour 19.30 News in Hebrew 20.00 News in Arabic 20.30 The Hello Goodbye Man 21.10 Sherlock Holmes 22.00 News in English 22.15 Feature film

HANDS EAST TV (Free TV, A. serial): 13.00 Westworld Hospital 13.30 Another Life 14.00 700 Club 14.30 Stage-Up 15.00 Afternoon Movie 16.30 Spiderman 17.00 Popeye 17.30 Flying House 18.00 Bonanza 19.00 Hardcastle & McCormick 20.00 Another Life 20.30 News 21.00 That's Hollywood 21.30 60 Minutes 22.30 Paper Chase 23.30 700 Club 24.00 News Update 01.30 Eventide

ON THE AIR

Voice of Music

6.02 Musical Clock 7.07 Paganiini: Perpetuum Mobile; Varga

10.30 Programme in Easy Hebrew

11.10 School Broadcasts 11.30 Education for all 12.05 Sephardic songs 13.00 News in English 13.30 News in French 14.06 Children's programmes 15.30 Speaker's Platform 15.35 Notes on a New Book 16.05 Middle East Crossroads 17.12 Jewish Ideas 17.20 Everyman's University 18.06 Afternoon Classics 19.05 Religious Programmes 19.30 Programmes for Olam 22.05 Night Connection

Second Programme

6.53 Green Light - drivers' corner 7.00 This Morning - news magazine 8.05 Safe Journey 9.05 The World Call - with Rivka Michaeli 10.10 All Shades of the Network 12.10 Open Line - news and music 14.06 Matters of Interest - with Gabi Gazit 15.05 Magic Moments - favourite old songs 16.10 Safe Journey 17.10 Economics Magazine 18.00 Of Men and Figures 18.05 Any Questions 18.40 Today in Sport 19.05 Today - radio newsworld 20.30 This Week in the Knesset 22.05 Roots - folklore magazine 22.05 Yiddish songs 23.05 Between Ourselves

Army

6.10 Morning Sounds 6.30 University on the Air 7.07 "707" - with Alex Amiel 8.05 Morning Newsworld 9.05 Right Now - with Ravi Reib 11.05 Israeli Autumn - with Eli Yisraeli 12.05 Regarde - to and from soldiers serving in Lebanon 13.15 Two Hours 15.05 Time Out 16.05 Four in the Afternoon 17.05 Evening Newsworld 18.05 Economics Magazine 19.05 Music Today - music magazine 20.05 Israeli Hit Parade

First Programme

7.30 Morning Concert (from Voice of Music) 9.30 Encounter - live family affairs

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Transport Minister Haim Corfu at the wheel of the Ramle road safety training centre.

(Israel Sun)

Safety on a small scale

SCHOOLCHILDREN in Ramle are learning to drive as part of their training in road safety. They are among 600,000 Israeli youngsters who are participating in 10 different road safety programmes.

At a training centre, which was opened recently in the Ramle police headquarters compound, children operate pedal-driven cars on a miniature road system complete with

traffic lights and signs, pedestrian crosswalks and sidewalks.

Transport Minister Haim Corfu said at the opening of the centre that there are eight such training tracks in the country and that two more would start operating by the end of the year.

The war on road fatalities is actually a battle for the heart and mind of the driver and the pedestrian, said the minister. "We can

pave excellent new roads and equip cars with the best safety features, but none of these measures will ensure full road safety. Everything depends on the human factor," he added.

Following the ceremony the minister and Ramle Mayor Yoram Rabi joined schoolchildren in driving the miniature cars and demonstrated that they, too, know that one must stop for a red light. (Itim)

The creeping influence of liquor on the roads

EVERY seventh Israeli killed in a traffic accident has drunk enough alcohol "to impair his reactions."

This is the conclusion of an extensive research project, carried out under the supervision of Dr. Elihu Richter of the Hebrew University. The data were collected by Dr. Uzi Meltzer, as part of his medical studies at the Hebrew University. Others active in the project were Dr. Simon-Tov Halfon, also of the Hebrew University; Dr. Bezael Bloch of the Ministry of Health's Institute of Forensic Medicine; and Dr. George Tyger of the Ministry of Health in Tel Aviv.

Richter notes that "Israel's reputation as a country of non-drinkers is rapidly evaporating."

According to the research paper he is now writing, an estimated 14 per cent of all deaths of drivers was due to drinking; so was about 13.4 per cent of all pedestrian deaths. His definition of "impairment of reactions" is based on the person having

Macabee Dean

a blood alcohol concentration of 50mg. per cent or more — that is, a minimum of 0.5 grams of pure alcohol in a litre of blood.

The study was based on 36.4 per cent of all drivers killed in accidents, and 31.2 per cent of all pedestrians, whose bodies reached the Institute of Forensic Medicine during 1976-80. Richter believes that since then the situation has deteriorated even further.

Not all bodies were examined because of family objections, "but even if they were, the representative sample we took is large enough to be considered reliable," says Richter.

Christians had the highest death ratio due to drinking (21 per cent); followed by Moslems (18 per cent); with Jews trailing slightly behind (17 per cent).

Moreover, the percentages of deaths of all three groups was much

higher between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Of the drivers killed during these seven hours, more than half were under the influence of liquor. The same percentage of heavy drinking holds true for the pedestrians killed at night.

Among all groups, there was a very high percentage of young people between the ages of 18 and 25. There were no drunken women drivers but women did account for half of the pedestrian deaths.

Despite the high number of deaths due to drunken driving, the police make very few arrests for this offence, although the number is constantly growing. For example, there were three arrests made for this in 1977, but 38 in 1978, and 55 in 1983. During the first six months of this year, some 70 reports have been issued for "driving under the influence of alcohol."

The police recently bought 100 breath analysers to help determine if a driver is drunk.

Rhapsody in green

AS I SAT waiting for the light to change, I saw the man in the next car motioning to me to open my window. I had already noticed him leaning at me as we approached the intersection, and since I don't get leered at too often these days, I figured I ought to hear him out.

I rolled down the window, prepared for an earful of sweet (or not-so-sweet) nothings, when the man yelled, "Hey lady, wanna sell your car?"

Shattered, I made a face at him and tore off into the sunset. (Auto-bianchis are great on quick acceleration.) Admittedly, I'm 10 times as old as my car, but I just can't bear being upstaged by a green pipe-quake.

And Junior really is green. Verdi-mela (apple green) it says somewhere under the rear hatch, but actually he's bright kelly green — the kind you can see a mile away. That's a pretty loud colour for someone who usually sticks to beige (or what my husband calls "Jewish neutral").

Esther Hecht

But then, I didn't choose Junior. Junior was a present from my husband, and I had to take him just as he came. Despite his colour, I managed to accept him graciously, and since then I've treated him just like a child. I feed him from time to time and when he's really filthy, I give him a wash. Apart from that, I keep my fingers crossed that he'll take care of himself. So far, Junior hasn't betrayed my trust.

I couldn't tell you how many kilometres Junior does to the litre any more than I could say how many metres my eight-year-old runs to the half-pita-with-hummus-and-salad that is his daily lunch. But Junior does get me to work and back, occasionally to the supermarket, and once in a very long while to Tel Aviv — and that's what counts.

My brother-in-law, who has a car fetish, doesn't approve of the way I treat Junior ("You have no soul," he

says, an insult if I ever heard one). One thing I know for sure: No man ever looked at one of my kids and then tried to proposition me. So that green pisher has got to have something going for it — or me.

And should I ever succumb to someone's proposal, he would definitely hit a jackpot. For four years I have driven this car with cruddy covers and grimy plastic protecting the original upholstery and carpets so we can get a good price when we sell it. Sometimes I remind myself of those ridiculous "east coast Americans who shroud their furniture in plastic covers so that the upholstery stays clean forever (but every time you stand up the seat rises with you, stuck to your backside)."

The man who catches me off my guard and wrests my green half-pint from me will only have to remove Junior's ugly cloths to discover the prince inside. I do hope that happens someday, for I long to see Junior in all his green glory.

Wanna buy a car?

THEY WERE on their way to visit grandmother. The traffic was heavy, and in the back seat two-year-old Merav and four-and-a-half-year-old Shaul played noisily, bouncing around. In the front, both parents were securely strapped in by their seat belts.

When the car skidded out of control and hit the stone wall alongside the road the parents remained securely in their places. Merav, thrown against the head-rest of her father's seat on the driver's side broke her arm, collar bone and two ribs and sustained damage to her spine. Shaul, who was eating an ice lolly, was badly injured in his throat and nearly choked to death from the ice-lolly stick.

Although seat belts for front seat passengers have been mandatory for several years in Israel, and compliance with the law is more than 90 per cent, few cars have back-seat belts and almost none have belts that fit small children. More cautious parents keep the little ones in the back seat but many even hold them on their laps up front.

But back seats are not so safe after all, and a series of accidents

No backing for back-seat belts

With no laws requiring the use of safety belts in the back seat, passengers often literally become 'flying missiles,' reports D'vora Ben Shaul.

researched by the Volvo Corporation last year showed that back-seat passengers had about as much chance of being hurled through the front or side windows of a car in an accident as did those in the front seat. In addition, back seat passengers often become literally "flying missiles" and may seriously injure the belted-in front seat riders.

In the past year, the British Research Council has twice backed proposed legislation in Great Britain that would make backseat belts mandatory, but the bill has failed to pass. As for special belts for children, no

country has so far been able to guarantee the installation or use of these devices.

One of the reasons is the cost. A seat belt for a child costs about \$60, plus installation fees and, in Israel, customs duty as well. This may be cheap in terms of the injury or death of a child, but it is not an expense most people would assume voluntarily. Children's belts also need to be constantly adjusted to the height of the child; if not properly adapted they can be even more dangerous than having no belt at all.

In the U.S., the National Society for the Prevention of Vehicle Acci-

dents has long been aware of the danger to children in traffic accidents and advises parents to install safety belts, including a special security device for infant-carriers. In addition, they advise that in any case, parents should insist that children remain seated while the car is in motion and strongly advise against letting them eat while travelling, since even a sweet can be fatal if forced into the lungs by a sudden impact.

They also advise that only soft toys be allowed in the car and especially caution against placing luggage — such as briefcases or water bottles — in the back window space since these, too, may fly forward and cause the death of passengers in both the front and back seats.

In Israel no legislation concerning back-seat belts has been proposed, and children standing on the back seat, looking out the rear window, are still a common sight. Although no statistics were available on the number of children injured while riding in the back seat, it is probably no lower here than in other countries, where it is very high.

The big chill

New car sales are dropping as a result of the recent price freeze, reports Yitzhak Oked.

adds about \$600 commission, of which, Carasso said, less than \$300 is profit. If the exchange rate of the dollar increases by more than 10 per cent during the price freeze, the importer will lose the \$300 and even more, he said.

He added that the importers had turned to the government's committee in charge of the price freeze and expect to receive an answer to their demands soon.

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In the meantime, because importers have cars in stock and more cars are arriving, they are continuing to sell, but Carasso warned that when they start losing money they will be forced to stop their sales. "If you want to buy a new car, now is the time. Prices are low and I'm sure that in the future they will go up."

In general, Carasso said that he is quite pleased with the government's

step. "People were simply going crazy with wild buying sprees. Now things seem to be returning to normal and people will do their buying in a more normal way."

Every visit to the garage involves great expense and motorists dread bringing their car in for repairs. When you find a garage that you can trust, you can explain to the mechanic that you are not Rothschild and ask if he can give you an approximate six months' or even a year's plan for the repairs ahead.

For example, he will be able to tell you that the tires are good for another four to six months whereas your brakes will have to be changed in another month or two. In this way, the expenses will not come all at once. Every month to two you can carry out a different major repair and if you maintain your car properly major repairs can occur at longer intervals.

Ephraim Mohar, a car assessor, told The Jerusalem Post that when motorists prepare cars for the winter they forget one important element.

They forget to prepare themselves for winter driving. "Remember that the car does not cause the accident. In about 90 per cent of the cases the accidents are caused by the human factor, in six per cent by the road and only in four per cent because of the car."

Wearing clothing suitable for driving is high on Mohar's list of priorities. "It is difficult to drive when you're all bundled up," he says.

"Before entering the car (especially in winter), check to see if all the windows are clean. If they are even slightly dirty, clean them. Visibility is poor in winter anyway, so clean windows are essential."

"All drivers but especially those who own small cars should drive more slowly on windy days, because in some places in Israel there are side-winds that can push your car."

"On very cloudy days you should turn on your headlights and not only your parking lights — the better other drivers see you, the better chances you have of not being involved in a road accident."

All these checks and double checks are not something you should do instead of a regular examination by a professional mechanic — especially in preparation for winter. But remember, the best mechanic in the world does not know your car as well as you know it.

Garage owner's lament

ALBERT PERETZ, 43, is a self-made man. He started as a car mechanic's apprentice at 14, then went on to study his trade in the evenings and during his military service. Today he is proud of the dozens of diplomas hanging in the small office of his garage.

He is the owner and technical manager of the Allen Garage, which also provides automobile diagnosis and is licensed by the Ministry of Transport to perform the annual check-up known here as the "test."

"The garage sector is at its lowest ebb in the country's history," says Peretz. The main problem he believes, is that while the number of automobiles has increased considerably during the last 10 years so that today there are close to one million cars on the roads, the number of garages (there are only 3,000 authorized by the Ministry of Transport) has not increased proportionately.

Young people are no longer attracted to the profession, he says. "When I was a teenager, there was no compulsory high school education, so many youngsters went to work in garages. There were so many boys wanting to be apprentices that the garage owners chose only the best. But today the number of young people choosing this profession is close to zero."

"The vacuum is being filled by Arabs from Judea, Samaria and Gaza. Most of the 600 or more garages, unauthorized and operating illegally, are in the Tel Aviv area and are managed by uncultured Arab residents of the territories."

"A person who has his car repaired at one of these garages might think he is getting a bargain, but his car may be a safety hazard that could get him involved in a road accident."

"These garages are successful because they are cheaper, and the Ministry of Transport, with only five inspectors to cover the entire country, can't do much against them."

Prices in authorized garages are so high, he said, because they are set

Yitzhak Oked

according to a work-hour wage that is approved by the ministry. These wages, he believes, are not too high, and the main culprit is the relatively high price of spare parts, especially those connected with the safety of the car. "All taxes should be abolished on spare parts that ensure road safety," he says.

If garage workers were paid decent wages, he adds, young people might be drawn to join the trade. "The profession needs some public relations. Today it is highly technical, with a lot of fancy electronic gadgetry. The cars of today are not the same as they were 10-20 years ago."

The work is also a lot easier than it was a decade ago, and it is not so dirty and grimy. I believe that this is an ideal profession for women, and the future of garages depends very much on women joining the workforce. I can promise any woman who wants to work in our garage that at the end of the day she can go home as clean and nicely dressed as a secretary who has spent all day in an

office."

Peretz serves on several committees and also volunteers to talk before various groups, but claims his ideas have fallen on deaf ears.

"According to police statistics, only about five to seven per cent of traffic accidents are due to a mechanical failure of the car. But I believe that the figure is much higher," he says.

"I'll give you an example. Using a pair of tires that do not meet the car manufacturer's specifications makes a car dangerous. But when that car is involved in an accident because the driver is unable to control it, the police statistics register the accident as being caused by the human factor — the negligence of the driver."

Another road hazard, says Peretz, is the shocking increase in the number of automobiles that are not brought on time for their annual check-up.

Notice to renew the automobile licence is mailed to the car owner several weeks before the old licence expires. The motorist must pay the licence fee and then take the car for the "test," which checks primarily the safety of the car: the brakes, lights, blinkers, wheels and so on. Many Israelis have found a novel way to fight inflation by paying the licence fee several months late because the price of the licence is unlinked.

"The Ministry of Transport must find a way to stop this," says Peretz. "My advice is to state on the new licence that if it is not paid, and if the car does not pass the 'test' within two weeks of the expiration date of the old licence, then the new licence is void."

Peretz is confident that proper maintenance of cars could go a long way toward reducing the number of traffic accidents.

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THAN THE LATE

'We've already cut activities to the bone' Jewish Agency to buck trend and raise budget by \$100m.

By MACABEE DEAN
TEL AVIV. - Despite the intense pressure throughout the country to cut budgets, the Jewish Agency will have to increase its budget by at least \$100 million to cover its expenses during the next 15 months.

"Emigration is on the rise," Agency treasurer Akiba Levinsky declared, "and while some 13,600 olim arrived in the past year, we are making plans to absorb about twice that number in the next 15 months." They would come from the same countries as today, he said, although the proportion of emigrants from some countries would probably be greater.

Levinsky noted that the Jewish Agency was one of the few organizations in Israel which had already cut its activities in non-essential "and even essential" sectors to the bone. "During the past three years we have operated with a balanced budget," he said. "And while the Jewish Agency's manpower stood at 3,700 in 1979/80, it had dropped to 2,850 a year ago, and was continuing to drop all the time."

The present budget of the Jewish Agency for all its activities, mainly aliya and settlement, but also renewal projects, integration and youth

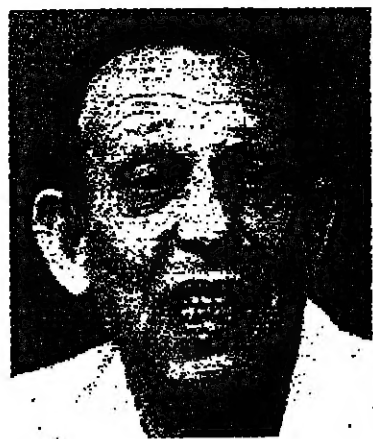
aliya, was \$468 million.

Of this sum, \$80m. had been earmarked for aliya. "But since new arrivals have increased already, we will need another \$30m. until the present fiscal year ends in April 1, 1985. This will bring this year's total for this specific area up to \$110m. In the fiscal year starting on April 1, 1985, the same \$110m. expended this year, plus \$70m. more will be needed, he said. Thus, \$180m. more in all would be needed, \$30m. until the end of the current fiscal year, and an additional \$70m. in the next fiscal year.

"We expect two-thirds of this sum to be raised in the U.S. and the rest from world Jewry."

Levinsky took to task those who thought the contributions of the United Jewish Appeal (and other drives), which brought in about \$500m. last year, plus about \$400m. from the Bonds ("we should raise this figure to \$600m."), and the approximately \$200m. sent directly to support hospitals, yeshivot, etc. "was an insignificant sum."

He pointed out that of the present national budget of over \$20 billion, about half (if not more) went to service present debts, i.e., to repay capital and interest. Security needs



Akiba Levinsky

took a few more billions. "Thus, the money raised abroad, which is about \$1,100m. from the sources mentioned above, constitutes a considerable part of the remaining budget, which the government earmarks for its domestic civilian needs."

He also noted that at present some 15,000 persons were in absorption centres, and that this number, due to the increased rate of aliya, could soon rise to 25,000.

Of the present 15,000 olim, about 40 per cent had been in the centres for at least one year, while some had been there for two years. It was hard to find flats to settle them, since many wanted to work in certain parts of the country, where only private flats were available. Many didn't have enough money to make a minimum down payment on an apartment, he said.

It's only a drop in the bucket, but...

Imports of consumer goods down 33.1% in first 10 months

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - During the past 18 months the government has taken five main and two minor steps to reduce imports - which have in the meantime fallen by only 2.6 per cent, according to data published yesterday by the Federation of Chambers of Commerce.

The statement adds, however, that the steps taken have had a considerable effect on the import of consumer goods, where imports, for example, dropped from \$830 million in the first ten months of 1983 to only \$555m. in the same period in 1984. This is a drop of 33.1 per cent.

However, since consumer goods constitute only a small portion of all imports - some \$555m. out of \$6,947m. in the first ten months of 1984, - the effect on all imports was not of any great significance. It was overshadowed by considerable increase in the import of raw materials, diamonds for polishing, fuel and other items.

The federation lists the main steps taken by the authorities to stop imports (mostly of consumer goods) as follows: the rapid devaluation of the

shekel, especially in relation to the American dollar, which made imports more expensive; the 15 per cent compulsory deposit introduced in June 1, 1983; increasing purchase taxes in August 1983; publishing new regulations on the transfer of foreign currency abroad, and increasing the 15 per cent compulsory deposit to 40 per cent on some 50 items a few months ago.

The two minor steps were demanding that products meet specifications of the standards institute, and that certain productions be labelled in a specific fashion.

Avner Ben-Yakar, chairman of the federation, also warned yesterday that introducing a "turnover tax" of 6.5 per cent on businesses and self-employed could lead to the liquidation of many businesses. He added that the turnover tax is almost non-existent in modern states, and that this tax ignores the profit factor. It will especially hurt those firms which have large turnovers with very low profits. This included all the retail shopping networks, the customs clearance agencies, petrol stations, and many others.



Agriculture Minister Arye Nehamkin holds a net with "pomela" fruit as he visits the highly successful Fruit Festival at the Dizengoff Centre in Tel Aviv. With him is Benny Gaon, general manager of the Co-op chain. (Israel Sun)

Histadrut companies account for almost third of industry

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Of Israel's \$18 billion in industrial production during 1983, some \$5b. was accounted for by Histadrut-affiliated industries, according to data recently published by Hevrat Ha'Ovdim, the Histadrut's holding company.

Hevrat Ha'Ovdim includes in its figures not only the industrial production of Koor, and Tivus, but also the kibbutzim.

Moreover, Hevrat Ha'Ovdim is not limited only to industry, but has far-ranging other economic and financial activities, like Solel Boneh (construction), Hassneh (insurance), Bank Hapoalim and Hamashbir Hamerkazi (merchandizing).

Some 190,000 persons are employed in all these undertakings, with the largest number, 60,000, in agriculture (kibbutzim, etc.) and 34,000 working for Koor. All the "productive cooperatives" employ 20,588 people. The kibbutzim industries employ 13,174, while Bank Hapoalim has a staff of 10,515.

During 1983, industries in the Histadrut sector accounted for 28 per cent of all local industrial sales, up slightly from 27 per cent in the

previous year.

Hevrat Ha'Ovdim invested \$1,235m. during the past five years, some \$663m. of this was in development areas.

During 1983, all industrial exports of these enterprises amounted to \$832m., compared to \$809m. the previous year. Thus, although there was a general drop in industrial exports in the private sector during 1983, the Histadrut sector's exports rose in 1983.

Moreover, fresh agricultural exports reached \$397m. in 1983, some 79 per cent of all such agricultural exports. Exports of processed agricultural products stood at \$573m. in 1983, some 76 per cent of all such exports.

The Histadrut sector accounted for 32 per cent of the total of exports of all kinds in 1983, excluding diamonds.

The Histadrut runs 48 rest homes, vacation and recreation resorts and hotels, with a total of 4,436 rooms. This includes the Moriah chain, with more than 700 rooms.

Although only 71 of these rooms are in development areas, almost 80 per cent of the staffs are from development areas.

'Drivers should choose own assessors'

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Motorists who are involved in accidents should have more freedom to choose the insurance adjuster who is responsible for assessing the extent of damage to their cars, the head of the automobile section of the Histadrut's Central Consumer Authority said yesterday.

Speaking at a study day organized by the automobile section, director Yitzhak Caspit said that drivers should also be given a chance to bring in another adjuster for a second opinion. At present, adjusters are appointed by insurance companies and it is nearly impossible to bring one's own assessor or to get a

second opinion.

Caspit also called on the insurance companies to include in the insurance policy a list of all the assessors operating in the area where the motorist lives.

Representatives of the insurance adjusters say that if motorists are allowed to choose their own adjusters, there is a greater possibility of inflated estimates for damage compensation.

Some assessors may not be able to be objective because of pressure from their clients to increase their damage estimates, they said. In the long run, this could work against consumers who would be asked to pay higher insurance premiums, the assessors said.

GE low bidder for Saudi power plant

BAHRAIN (Reuters). - General Electric Company has submitted the lowest bid, of 1.32 billion Saudi riyals (\$371.4 million), to build a large power plant in Riyadh, official Saudi Arabian sources said yesterday.

The U.S. company was one of three firms bidding this week on a 1,200-megawatt power station for the government-run Saudi Consolidated Electric Company for the central region.

The three-year turnkey job required construction of 24 gas turbines, each capable of generating 50 megawatts, a senior official said.

Switzerland's BBC Brown Boveri group was second-lowest, at 1.75b. riyals (\$491.5m.), and Japan's Hitachi was third, at 2.17b. riyals (\$609m.).

The officials said that because the bids have not been analyzed yet, they could not be certain who would win the job.

Foreign companies will also be bidding next month for a power station of the same size to be built in the country's eastern province.

England may abolish laws against Sunday shopping

LONDON (Reuters). - England's legal barriers against Sunday shopping seem certain to be torn down next year, giving customers the right to buy shoes or fish and chips without breaking the law.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, a grocer's daughter, is known to support new proposals for legalising seven-day, round-the-clock trading despite howls of anguish from shopworkers and religious groups.

It would mean an end to England's most flouted law, a set of bizarre Sunday shopping restrictions which are laughed at or contemptuously ignored throughout the country.

Under the present rules, shops can sell razor blades for cutting corns but not for shaving. Customers can buy spare parts for cars or planes, but sales of footwear are forbidden.

Sex magazines can be purchased, but not Bibles. Alcohol is approved but soft drinks are not - meaning you can legally buy a bottle of gin but not the tonic water to go with it.

Shops selling fish and chips, the national dish, are not allowed to trade on the Sabbath, but Chinese

takeaway food is sold without risk of prosecution.

These and many other anomalies are built into the 1950 Shops Act, which failed dismally in trying to track through a labyrinth of previous retailing laws and allow the sale of some essential goods while protecting the traditional English Sunday.

Seventeen vain attempts have been made in Parliament to scrap the widely-scorned law, which many local authorities refuse to enforce. But now its end is in sight at last.

A government-sponsored committee recommended last week that all restrictions should be abolished, paving the way for more late-night shopping and legal Sunday trading.

The Lord's Day Observance Society, which has campaigned for more than 150 years to keep the Sabbath as a day of rest, said: "If the government tries to push this through it will have a fight on its hands." A Roman Catholic Church spokesman commented that, "total deregulation would be very worrying."

But many supermarket chains and department stores welcomed the prospect of legal Sunday trading.

Many small shops, however, may be forced to close in the face of further competition from supermarket rivals cashing in on a tide of Sunday customers.

Some big stores already flout the law with impunity in areas where local authorities are reluctant to prosecute and more are expected to open on Sundays as a result of the new report, published at the start of the Christmas shopping rush.

One chain marketing do-it-yourself household equipment has been taken to court 500 times and fined, a total of £150,000 (£188,000) for defiantly trading on the Sabbath. It says the rewards in sales far outweigh the loss in fines.

Advocates of change point to the U.S. and Sweden as countries where Sunday shopping is an accepted practice.

Well-dressed and sedate traders on the floor of the London Stock Exchange. (L'Espresso)

Last-minute share rush boosts British Telecom flotation

LONDON (Reuters). - Thousands joined a last-minute scramble for shares in Britain's Telecom state telephone company yesterday, helping to make a success of the government's most ambitious asset sale.

Stockbrokers handling the £3.9 billion (\$4.7b.) sale of shares were swamped with work.

As the last hopefuls queued to deliver their purchase forms, optimism over the deal pushed the stock market to record highs.

Applicants will have to wait up to ten days to find out if they have been successful in buying shares, and trading will not begin until December 3, but in unofficial advance trading Telecom shares were priced at premiums of up to 50 per cent, dealers said.

About one-third of the shares were set aside for private investors, and a huge publicity campaign was mounted to woo the unprecedented numbers needed to take up the offer.

A pledge by the opposition Labour Party to re-nationalize Telecom at its sale price appeared not to have deterred buyers.

"It's as good as gold, if not better," said one man as he handed in his form. "Better than a bank account," said another.

The remaining two-thirds of the offer is being taken up by financial institutions at home and on the markets of New York, Tokyo and Toronto, where strong interest has also been reported.

British Telecom, which has a virtual monopoly of British telephone business, has forecast a profit surge this year of 33 per cent, to £1.35b. (\$1.52b.).

Slightly more than 50 per cent of the company is being sold, with the government retaining the rest.

The deal dwarfs Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's previous sales, which included North Sea oil interests, the carmaker Jaguar and the electronics and communications firm Cable and Wireless.

The previous record for the world's biggest share issue was held by American Telephone Telegraph, with a \$1.37b. offer in New York in 1971.

Tenneco to buy Harvester's tractor branch

HOUSTON (Reuters). - The U.S. tractor producer Tenneco said yesterday it had agreed to buy International Harvester's farm equipment operations, including a British subsidiary, for \$430 million in cash and stock.

Tenneco said the deal included Harvester's agricultural operations in West Germany, France and Denmark, as well as its North American dealerships. It gave no further details.

The combination of Harvester's farm-gear operations and J.I. Case

Company, a Tenneco subsidiary, expected to create a stronger competitor in the depressed farm equipment business, analysts said.

Chicago-based Harvester is the second largest U.S. farm equipment maker, while Houston-based Tenneco is the second biggest producer in the U.S. of large tractors.

The merger is likely to pose a challenge to Deere & Company, the industry leader.

The sale is subject to a U.S. antitrust review.

Cyprus licenses its tenth offshore bank

NICOSIA (Reuters). - The Central Bank of Cyprus has granted the Jordan National Bank (JNB) a license to open the island's 10th offshore banking unit (OBU).

Central Bank Governor Afentis Akentios said last year Cyprus had started a drive to establish itself as a Middle East banking centre, and was aiming to have 10 OBUs by end-1984. JNB has 34 branches, five of them in Lebanon.

Offshore banks trade with customers outside the country or with other offshore banks, and deal only in foreign currencies.

All OBU licences granted so far in

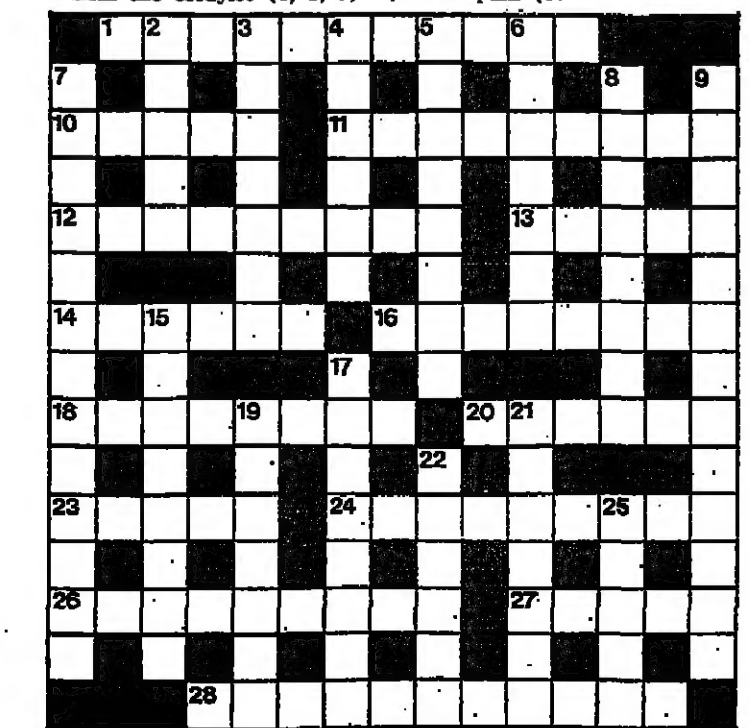
Cyprus have been to Arab banks, with the exception of Wardley Cyprus, a member of the Hongkong & Shanghai bank group.

Central Bank officials say the drive to attract OBUs has been helped by the uncertain political situation in Lebanon. Five of Cyprus' OBUs are Lebanese.

GENEROUS LOAN. - The Jordan-based Islamic Development Bank providing Bangladesh with \$10 million to help finance the building of educational institutions. \$10m. repayable in 25 years, with a service charge of 2.5 per cent, and the bank

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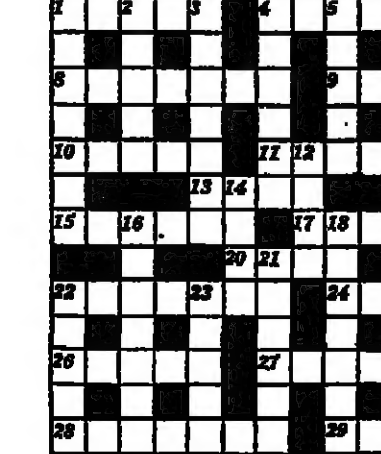
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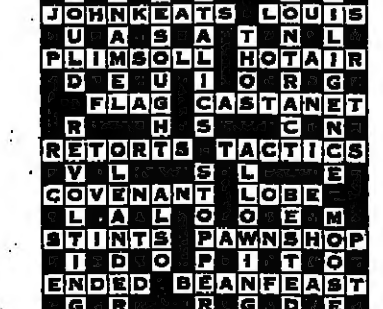
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Yesterday's Solutions



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DOWN: 1. Bangla, 2. Senda, 3. Nigh, 5. Returned, 6. Opinion, 7. Stride, 8. Ensign, 15. Scented, 16. Insects, 17. Beacon, 18. Brack, 19. Reveal, 22. Apart, 23. Hide.

Money Matters

Gold drops to 2½-year low as dollar muscles ahead

ZURICH (Reuters). — Gold started trading yesterday at \$328.35 an ounce, a 2½ year low and \$5 down on its last price here on Tuesday, as the dollar continued to strengthen against other major currencies.

Bullion traders said the metal looked very vulnerable now that it had dipped below \$330 an ounce.

Gold closed here Tuesday at \$328.25 an ounce, and later in New York it fell as low as \$325 dollars.

"This is further evidence of the general lack of confidence in the precious metals market," one dealer said.

A lack of interest in gold reflects investors' preference for the dollar and investments denominated in the U.S. currency, traders added.

In Frankfurt, the dollar muscled ahead, with currency investors encouraged by the reluctance of other U.S. banks to follow Chase Manhattan's half point cut to 11¼ per cent in the prime lending rate it charges its best corporate customers.

The U.S. currency opened at DM 3.0722, a gain of half a pfennig, compared with New York's close of DM 3.0682, and over 1¼ pfennigs

higher than yesterday night's Frankfurt close of 3.055 marks.

In London, the dollar rose against all major European currencies in nervous trading yesterday, as gold prices fell.

Currency dealers said the dollar rose when banks and corporations made a number of large purchases in a thin market.

"Interest rates and fundamental factors really aren't having much of an effect," one Frankfurt trader said.

And a London broker asked: "What alternative [to the dollar] is there? People still feel the dollar is an attractive investment."

In Tokyo, where trading ends before it begins in Europe, the dollar closed at 245.30 yen, down from Tuesday's close of 245.45 yen.

In later European trading, the dollar was quoted at 245.60 yen.

In London, it cost \$1.1995 to buy one British pound, less expensive than late Tuesday's rate of 1.2090 dollars. The British currency, highly sensitive to revenues obtained from the country's North Sea oilfields, has been buffeted by declining spot oil prices.

Saudi Arabia, Switzerland in joint ventures

RIYADH (Reuters). — At least 30 per cent of the goods Saudi Arabia imports from Switzerland at present will be manufactured in the kingdom under joint-venture arrangements "in the not too distant future," Minister of Industry and Electricity Abdulaziz Al-Zamil said here.

Swiss exports to Saudi Arabia grew from \$779.32 million in 1982 to \$897.73m. in 1983. Saudi exports to Switzerland went up from \$131.72m. to \$148.15m. in the same period, resulting in a trade balance of \$647.59m. and \$749.57m. respectively in Switzerland's favour.



"If people would only collect waste paper and carton instead of throwing it away, our firm would not have to import thousands of tons of compressed carton from New York," complains the manager of the Ammar paper recycling firm. In the photo above forklifts unload bales of carton in the yard of the Hadara Paper Mills plant. (Freidlin)

Greeks cut taxes, increase social care

ATHENS (Reuters). — Greece's socialist government, which faces an election next year, yesterday announced a 1985 budget which will cut workers' taxes and sharply increase expenditure on health and education.

Planned changes in the income tax scale and new tax relief schemes should boost workers' living standards by around two per cent. Economy Minister Gerassimos Arsenis said.

The budget leaves Greece's traditionally high defence spending little changed in real terms, but foresees rises of 30 and 39 per cent respectively in health and education expenditure.

Arsenis said the tax changes would deprive the government of about 25 billion drachmas (\$200 mil-

lion), which it hoped to make up by cracking down on tax-dodgers and through higher taxes on cigarettes and on Greeks travelling abroad.

The budget foresees a deficit for 1985 of 454b. drachmas (\$3.6b.). 21.5 per cent more than this year's shortfall, but unchanged as a proportion of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Greece, which sees Turkey as a potential aggressor, has earmarked 216b. drachmas (\$1.7b.) for its armed forces in 1985 — up 19 per cent on last year, but only marginally changed at a time when inflation is about 18.5 per cent.

Total 1985 spending is put at 1.784b. drachmas (\$14.1b.). 27.4 per cent more than 1984. Total revenue is 29.6 per cent higher at 1.330b. drachmas (\$10.5 billion).

Shares and bonds had listless day

TEL AVIV. — Share volume fell and both shares and bonds turned listless in dull trading yesterday.

On the same market, the turnover slipped back below the IS1 billion mark. The main feature was the drying-up of volume in the "arrangement" sector: this slumped to only \$1416 millions, which is the lowest dollar figure (about \$800,000) in many months. It also represented less than half the total volume in the share market. Prices in this sector were mixed, but overall the sectoral index gained almost one per cent.

The "free" share market was in only slightly better shape. Volume, at \$538m., was hardly large — only the low "arrangement" figure gave it that aura — and most of the price movements were small. Thus, the non-bank index also rose by less than one per cent, with only insurance and real estate showing increases of some significance.

Things were not much better in the bond market. Although volume rose to nearly \$1.5b., the average movements were very small, and the bond index was almost flat.

Clearly, the real "action" in the capital markets in the current period is in the banks, where the savings scheme campaign is reaching its climax today. Apart from this, an indication of where the public's interest lies was provided by the Treasury Bill market yesterday, where volume suddenly soared to \$733 million.

This is an unusually high figure, but what is even more unusual is that

MARKET COMMENT

By PINHAS LANDAU

IS628m. of that was in the shortest of these short-term notes, namely the one due to be redeemed in six days time.

Against a background of declining interest rates in the banks, the yield of 15.18 on a monthly basis, even if only for 6 days, was clearly quite an attraction. One can only speculate what the seller or sellers were and what their motive in selling was. One possibility is that a commercial client had been holding the notes pending completion of a transaction of some kind.

In any event, the negative yield curve displayed by the four current T-bill series, ranging from 15.18 to 13.03, reflects the expectation that interest rates will continue to fall in the coming weeks. However, this fact finds no echo in the events in the share and bond markets.

Announcements
Five J Jewelry confirmed a report in Globes that its estimated sales this year would be in the order of \$11m., similar to the total last year. The company pointed out, however, that its volume sales had, in fact, increased by 25 per cent over 1983. The fall in the price of gold had

resulted in the revenue from these sales reaching only \$11m.

Alaska Sportlife announced that the Tel Aviv District Court had decided to appoint a permanent receiver for the company. Hitherto the receiver had acted on a temporary basis.

MARKET STATISTICS

Indices

General Share Index	582.93	-0.83%
Non-bank Index	581.26	-0.82%
Arrangement	152.21	+0.87%
Industrial	470.23	+0.36%
Bond Index	494.57	-0.04%

Turnovers

Shares	15,954,780
Bonds	151,263,900
Totals	167,218,680
Advances	221
Declines	119
of which 5% -	62
of which 5% -	28
"Buyers only"	0
"Sellers only"	3

Bond market trends

4½% fully-linked	Falls to 2.5%
3½% fully-linked	Mixed to 2.5%
3½% linked	Mixed to 2.5%
3½% linked	Rises to 1.5%
Double-linked	Rises to 1.5%
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Commercial Banks (not part of "arrangement")				Hotels, Tourism				Textiles and Clothing				Food			
OHF r	6600	52	n.c.	DalZohar			no trading	Aves	5164	11	-10	Gai Ind 1	1785	10	-
Marunite 1	2900	160	n.c.	GaiZohar 1			no trading	Angel	538	30	+5.0	710	223	n.c.	
Marunite 5	732	402	n.c.	DanHofel	625	22	+2.5	Shemen p	1140	20	-10.1	Doxter	752	61	n.c.
Gen non-arr	5600	71	+1.8	DanHofel 1	336	251	+2.8					Fertil 11	3601	1	-2
N. Amer. 1	2732	21	+4	Coral Beach	439	100	+1.6					Fertil 15	1250	40	-
N. Amer. 1	1776	9	n.c.	Yarden Hot	539	25	+4	Adgar	915	23	+3.4	Teva r	6705	54	n.c.
N. Amer. 1	3417	11	n.c.	Yarden Hot	539	25	+4	Adgar op	605	-	-	Teva op. 4	2700	16	+4
Dano 1	475	50	+3.0	Yahalom 1	294	402	n.c.	Ofo	264	66	+9	Lipka	329	31	n.c.
Dano 5	112	2285	+5.7	Yahalom op	239	323	n.c.	Baruch 1	670	-	-	Lipka op	170	17	-
Dano 2 at 5	269	102	n.c.					Baruch op	260	-	-	Deaf Sea r	6145	305	+1
Dano 1	171	1713	2.7					Baruch op	66	11	-17.5	Petrochem	501	501	-
FIBI	710	1890	+2.7					Alaska 1	no trading			Marmia 1	525	107	-
								Alaska 5	no trading			Marmia op	217	56	-
Commercial Banks (part of "arrangement")				Computers				Food				Wood, Paper, Printing			
IDB r	22400	330	1.5	Dala	533	73	+9.2	Elton 1	454	262	-	Neca Chem	900	16	+2
IDB B	23000	5	n.c.	Hilon 5	2533	-	-	Elton op	354	120	+2.9	Sano 1	840	168	+2
IDB P a	145000	-	n.c.	Y'ane	415	23	n.c.	Argamran r	925	18	-1.9	Sano 5	100	10	-
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Union B	2800	1	+2	M. L. L.	859	85	-	Ala B 1	no trading		Kedem	501	15	n.c.	
Discount A r	28620	133	3	M. L. L. op	260	8.4	-2.4	Delta G 1	no trading		T. G. L. 1	309	5	n.c.	
D. B. Cn	3456	45	+8	M. L. L.	890	30	+6.5	Delta G 3	799	59	+1.4	Tava	2161	3	n.c.
Mizrahi 1	9123	586	+1	M. L. L. op	668	8	+10.6	U Spinners	103	-	-	Frutaron	4100	16	n.c.
Mizrahi 5	9225	20	-1	Makov	347	20	+3.0	U Spinners	32	-	-	Tare	466	193	+5
Mizrahi 9	4230	63	-2	Nakiv	447	10	+11.0	Spin op	103	-	-				
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				Team op	870	-	-	Ward op	223	20	-	Haman 5	395	30	n.c.
								Zik 5	165	17	n.c.	Hamas op	720	32	n.c.
											Yaeh 1	402	23	+1	
											Yaeh 5	402	23	+1	
											Ashkhen	477	32	n.c.	
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One-day meteor

THE IDEA that an Arab Knesset member could, by addressing the Palestine National Council in Amman in person, make it reverse course in the direction of peace is, to put it mildly, bizarre. No less bizarre is the assumption that such a gesture would cause a change in political opinion in Israel or a shift in the position of the government.

But these apparently were the aims of Labour MK Wahab Darousha when he set out on his strange flight to Amman. He did so apparently with the support of Yasser Arafat, for whom such an appearance would have been a propaganda victory. But Darousha did not have the approval of his own party, for whom it would have been an embarrassment.

In the end wiser counsel prevailed, and last night it emerged that Darousha had submitted to the suasions of his party and would come home from Nicosia rather than proceed to Amman.

The one-day drama raised a cluster of issues. Firstly, there was a matter of the law. Could an MK violate the law and get away with it? Apparently other non-Labour Arab Knesset Members had also considered the venture, but decided that an MK in the ruling party had more chance of defying the law without being deprived of his Knesset immunity. Whether in this case that would have held true is now a moot point.

The escapade also pointed to the lax discipline in our parties. This has been true for a good many years, especially in the two big parties. Perhaps the very fact that Darousha was dissuaded at the last moment from defying his party may have favourable consequences on this score.

On the political level, there were those who sought to exploit the incident to stir up trouble within the unity government. But once again the main leaders in both parties refused to bite. They know there are more important and more urgent matters on their agenda than Mr. Darousha's adventure.

Certainly, the overreaction in public from the right wing of our political spectrum, betrayed an anxiety, if not fear, that the PLO and Jordan, alone or together, might indeed opt for a path of "moderation." They prefer not to be so discomfited. For the present at least Arafat and company give them no real cause for worry.

Yet Mr. Darousha's abortive mission also reflects a lingering reality of another sort - the rather different attitude towards the PLO that has developed in Israel's Arab community. If Israel is to maintain a coherent foreign policy, the Arab community cannot be permitted to engage in its own unilateral initiatives. On the other hand, the Darousha episode also shows that as this community becomes more assertive, Israel's policies must take it into account if the walls that make coherent foreign policy possible are not to be breached.

Tying up loose ends

THE PACKAGE DEAL is about to complete the first of its three months, and the loose ends left when it was hurriedly stitched together are still being tied up.

The key determinant of the deal, the price freeze, seems to be holding up better than expected. This comes as no great surprise, since producers were given price ceilings designed, by official admission, to enable them to "live with" the price freeze for the duration of the agreement. In reality, slack demand - the result of lower real wages and restraint in the face of uncertainty - has caused prices to remain below the ceiling permitted by the official maximum price lists.

Yet, however successful the package deal may have been in this respect, it has not so far succeeded in achieving what was at least implicitly its major objective - changing people's expectations.

No matter what weight economists attached to different factors in the inflationary process, they all seem to have agreed on the considerable role played by the "bubble" of expectations. One of the main purposes of the package deal was to prick that bubble and deflate it, so as to bring inflation down to a controllable level.

True, a relative stability has already made the public much more price-conscious than it was before. An atmosphere has been created in which people are able, once again, to calculate rationally. But the public has still not been given any assurance of long-term stability.

As the package deal goes into its second month, no visible progress has been made in working out a comprehensive economic programme. This would lay down the rules of the game by which people might plan their economic conduct not just until February 1, when the package deal is due to expire, but beyond.

There is talk - vague, unspecified, non-committal talk - about extending the package deal, about phasing it out, but without any definite and authoritative policy statement about how this is to be done.

The haggling over the additional budget cuts that are now occupying most of the government's attention has little to do with planning economic policy after the package deal. The reason is that it will make no appreciable difference in this respect whether these budget cuts will be \$550m. as planned, or, as more likely, something like \$300m.

In any event, a coherent plan for what is to happen after February 1 must be presented without delay. Unless this is done, the expiry date of the package deal may leave us exactly where we were before.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS. THE SLOGAN of Services Unlimited, a Manhattan-based company, is "We'll Go for You." The firm is employed by busy New Yorkers to wait in line for them for the four-to-six hours necessary to renew a passport or to stand in the three consecutive queues required for paying traffic fines. They substitute for the impatient citizen in bank lines, post office lines, money-machine lines, subway-token lines and even pizza lines. "People have been queuing so much," says David Alwadish, the firm's founder, they happily pay him \$7.50 for getting their passports renewed or \$35 to deal with their parking tickets. "Especially since the bureaucrats are forever changing the rules." Sounds familiar. A.B.

PS. THE BATH Oliver, a biscuit traditionally consumed with sherry since 1764 when it was invented by Dr. William Oliver of Bath, was recently threatened with extinction. Long the pride of Huntley & Palmers' Merseyside biscuit factory, the Bath Oliver was gradually phased out when the firm was taken over by Nabisco, the giant U.S. food conglomerate, in 1982. By August this year, addicts were scouring Harrod's food hall in vain and even Fortnum & Mason's confessed that one hadn't been sighted for weeks. After apologetic noises were heard from many influential London clubs and even, it was rumoured, from the palace itself, Nabisco announced that it has decided to resume production. A.B.

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A daring act aborted

The Darousha affair

By DAVID BERNSTEIN

THERE IS something distinctly disturbing about the public debate sparked off by Labour MK Abdel Wahab Darousha's aborted decision to go to Amman and personally present his case for peace and coexistence at the Palestine National Council.

True, the Arab MK has transgressed any number of rules and regulations, leaving the country without notifying either his own party or the Knesset, planning illegally to visit a country still technically at war with Israel - and even planning to make contact with a "hostile organization."

But his reason for doing so, it appears, was not to aid and abet the enemy, as he is now being accused of doing. It was, it would seem, to plead the case for reason and understanding, to get the PLO to change its charter and commit itself to dialogue with, rather than armed struggle against Israel.

Yet this has been viewed as little short of treason, with the call now out to remove Darousha's immunity and bring him to trial.

And what is particularly disturbing about this is not so much the outrageous irony that it is the likes of Rabbi Meir Kahane and Herut MK Meir Cohen-Avidov who led the howl for Darousha's prosecution, but the fact that his own Labour Party has not been able to find a single decent word to say about the courage of his act.

It will now never be known if Darousha's intended journey would have turned out to be a quixotic piece of whimsy, along the lines of Abie Nathan's peace flights in the 1960s, or a genuine attempt to break through psychological barriers, à la Sadat's visit to Jerusalem six years ago, surrounding the whole tragedy of Palestine.

But few can gainsay the good intentions of the man - or the great personal courage it has taken to put himself deliberately on the line not only in the eyes of his fellow Israelis but also in the eyes of the many Palestinians, who must view Darousha, as a member of a mainstream Zionist party in Israel, as little more than an out-and-out quisling.

THE LABOUR Party's particularly spineless position on the "gravity" of Darousha's intention stems, it would seem, from two sources: its fear of rocking the coalition boat, which could yet involve throwing Darousha to the wolves to keep the national unity government afloat; and far more serious, what appears to be emerging as an almost paranoid fear, no less insistent than the Likud's, of a "moderate" PLO emerging with which it will no longer have any convincing excuse not to speak.

It was Begin's fear of the PLO's threat as an increasingly legitimate political force, which Israel was finding more and more difficult to convince even its best friends was little more than a bunch of terrorists, no less than the threat its military base in Lebanon posed to Israel's northern settlements, that led to the disastrous Operation Peace for Galilee.

And it was a similar fear, it would seem, that stood behind the Peres government's decision earlier this month to bar West Bank delegates - almost all of whom are known to support Arafat against the Damascus-based PLO rejectionists - from attending the PNC meeting in Amman.

If nothing else emerges from the Darousha affair, it should at least clear the air surrounding the critical question of whether the Labour Party is indeed prepared, psychologically and politically, to embark upon a meaningful peace dialogue with the Palestinians.

Dry Bones



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A trip to nowhere

By YOSEF GOELL

impact on that? Certainly not. But one could argue that his flight reinforced those very tendencies that were lulling many Israelis into believing that the 10 years of no-war with Egypt that had followed the 1956 Sinai Campaign would go on and on until real peace came.

The planned flight of Labour's Arab MK Abdel Wahab Darousha, in order to address the PLO's Palestine National Council in Amman, would seem to be of a kind with the Abie Nathan escapade over 18 years ago.

Darousha is a first-term Labour MK who was plucked out of anonymity to run on the Labour list last July when it was decided to dump his predecessor, Hammad Halella, of Saknin.

There is good reason to believe both in his political naivete and possibly in his intention to indulge in some political grandstanding in order to make a name for himself in view of the belief of most politicians that the present Knesset will not live for more than two of its four-year life.

That Darousha is possessed of a healthy political ego is indicated by the fact that while he kept his intended flight secret from his party colleagues, he made sure he was accompanied to Ben-Gurion Airport by a reporter for the *Kolereh Rashit* weekly.

There is every reason to believe in the sincerity of his statement to that reporter that he viewed himself as a potential bridge to peace between Israel and the PLO.

SO WHAT WAS so wrong about his planned initiative besides the paltry

fact that it was patently illegal?

Plenty, not least that it was extremely embarrassing to the Labour Party and its leader, Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

It is often painful for many Israelis to admit that parallel to the life-and-death hot wars with the Arabs, we are also engaged in a propaganda war for the support of the Western world.

At times, in fact, one could almost argue that the outcome of that propaganda war is even more important to Israel's fate than the number of casualties we suffer in the hot wars. We have shown ourselves to be capable - at an enormous cost - of saving off Arab military attacks. But the loss of Western - especially American - support, could well lead to the application of pressures that Israel would find impossible to resist.

Anything that enhances the prestige of the PLO pointman in the Arab war against Israel, or anything that detracts from its true murderous image in the mind of the West, is harmful to Israel, locked as it is in a life-and-death struggle.

Every little bit helps. And even if Abdel Wahab Darousha, if only a little bit, would have contributed to the undoing of Israel's critical positions in the all-important war for the support of the West.

But wasn't that a worthwhile risk to take for a chance of winning peace with the Arabs and obviating the need altogether for further wars of the hot and propaganda varieties?

Such an argument is about as naive as you can get both in the context of the Arab-Israeli conflict and of similar conflicts in other parts

of the world.

Jane Fonda's trip to Hanoi during the Vietnam War did nothing to put an end to the slaughter there. No one has succeeded in mitigating the ferocity of the war in Ulster by personal symbolic acts. In short, such "peace-pilots" are irrelevant in real wars between nations.

IN A WAY, the romantic belief that such individual exploits can make a difference constitutes a deep insult to national movements such as the PLO. For the belief is predicated on the assumption that Yasser Arafat is simply misguided and took a wrong turn somewhere along the line.

As much as Arafat is our enemy, he made no mistake. He is leading his movement in a zero-sum game confrontation from which either Israel or the Palestinians can emerge triumphant, but not both.

It's hard to come to terms with such a stark view. But then, it's a hard world. People who reject such realistic views, as in the case of the Vietnam peace campaigners, end up being responsible for the slaughter of millions of additional innocents.

Secondly, no nation-state - and especially not one engaged in a mortal struggle against real enemies - will willingly give up its monopoly over the conduct of that struggle to well-intentioned side-show amateurs.

Darousha's planned act, in effect, constitutes a stinging vote of no confidence in Shimon Peres, the very man in Israeli politics who has made a career of trumpeting the virtues of the Jordanian option.

If Peres means it, who needed an initiative like Darousha's? And if he doesn't, what is Darousha doing in

his party, rather than in the Progressive List, or in the Communist Party?

LASTLY, initiatives such as Darousha planned, are potentially very dangerous to Israeli Arabs themselves. The last election campaign was marked in the Arab sector by a vicious competition between the PLP and the Communists for the mantle of PLO support.

Half of the Arab electorate voted for that symbol. Those Arabs who voted for Labour - and for Darousha - were assumed to be turned off by the PLO or rational enough to realize that any identification with it could prove disastrous for Israel's Arab community.

Darousha's intended exploit could be just the pretext needed to win a Jewish majority to the cause of that extremist minority which has always believed that the Israel Arab community was merely a nest of subversives.

Were Darousha to have reached Amman, the Labour Party would have faced a difficult problem, given its poor showing among Arab voters. Would the book have been thrown at Darousha on legal grounds, for breaking the law on consorting with the enemy?

To my mind, yes. But only if, first, the attorney-general reversed his wrong decision of two years ago not to prosecute former MK Uri Avnery and others for going to meet with Arafat when he was under siege by the IDF in Beirut.

And only if the attorney-general decides to apply the law to Israeli newspaperman Amnon Kapeliuk, too, who has demonstratively been present at the PNC meetings in Amman.

Not only should there be a law against consorting with the PLO. There is one already on the books. Laws, however, should be applied equally. And certainly equally when Arabs and Jews are concerned.

READERS' LETTERS

RELATIONS WITH CISKEI

To the Editor of the Jerusalem Post Sir, - Roy Isaacowitz's article in the Jerusalem Post's supplement of November 9 is odd to say the least. On the one hand, he restates the fact that the Israeli government does not recognize Ciskei, but on the other hand, he accuses the government by implication of not acting against private Israeli businessmen who have business connections in Ciskei.

In other words, he tries to imply that it would be incumbent upon Israel to impose a total prohibition on contracts between Israeli citizens and those of Ciskei, irrespective of what passport they are travelling on. As Mr. Isaacowitz knows full well the government of Israel would have to either include Ciskei in the list of enemy countries or pass a special law to implement such a policy.

I am certain that Mr. Isaacowitz does not intend this.

The government's position to Ciskei is clear and has been stated unequivocally time and time again. Israel does not recognize Ciskei. It has no official contacts with Ciskei and government officials have no dealings with Ciskei's government. Furthermore, the government does not encourage private Israeli citizens, either in word or deed, to maintain business contacts with Ciskei or Ciskei enterprises.

AVI PAZNER
 Spokesman
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 Jerusalem.

Sir, - Thank you for printing Roy Isaacowitz's fine article on relations between Israel and the South African "homeland" of Ciskei ("Twining with a Tyrant," Nov. 9).

Without condoning similar actions by other nations, I have been disturbed by Israel's cozying up in recent years to such brutal regimes as South Africa, Guatemala, and, most

recently, Sri Lanka. As Isaacowitz notes, it seems especially senseless to move closer to Ciskei, which, aside from being based on racism and oppression, offers Israel no particular material or strategic benefit in return for warm relations. The only apparent consequence of Israel's dealing with this illegitimate quasi-state is to provide ammunition to those who contend that Israel pursues an amoral foreign policy based solely on expediency.

JIM HERSHBERG
 New York, New York.

THANKS

To the Editor of the Jerusalem Post Sir, - Hadassah Youth Center-Young Judea wishes to thank Mr. Elihu Matza, Director of Immigration and Citizenship, of the Interior Ministry's Jerusalem office for graciously opening his office at 6.00 a.m. in order to give us a passport urgently needed.

The student who had been summoned the night before for a family emergency was able to make the early morning flight because Mr. Matza acted in a manner that was above and beyond the call of duty.

MARLENE HOUARI
 Assistant Director
 Hashachar - Young Judea
 Hadassah Youth Centre
 Jerusalem.

PLEASE CLEAR MY NAME

To the Editor of the Jerusalem Post Sir, - It has come to my attention that on November 5 a news item regarding myself, Roberta Klein, appeared in the Jerusalem Post alleging that I took my son out of the country against the orders of the Rabbinate and the Supreme Court and against the wishes of his father, Rabbi Seymour Klein. The following are the true facts:

1. Rabbi Klein was not out of the country at the time I left with my son, but was living in Jerusalem.

2. At the time, my husband was under a judge's orders to stay away from me and from his home for 30 days.

3. Rabbi Klein was arrested on my complaint.

4. Upon his release he shouted at me, in front of witnesses, telling me to go back to America with my child.

5. Under the circumstances, I followed his advice. Prior to my leaving on October 22, I was not stopped and held at the airport. I was not served with any papers from the Rabbinate or the Supreme Court telling me I must not leave. Eight days after my return to America, on October 30, I was served with a certified letter from the Rabbinate ordering me to appear before it eight days prior to my leaving.

MRS. ROBERTA KLEIN
 Belle Harbor, New York.

BACKING SHARON

To the Editor of the Jerusalem Post Sir, - As an Israeli dove in peace and security matters, I have been all out against Mr. Ariel Sharon's policies for a long time.

Nonetheless, like many Israelis from all parts of the political spectrum, I totally back him now in his trial against *Time*, a magazine which long ago lost any claim to faithful journalism in its coverage and commentaries on the Middle East.

Members of the Knesset who are

not friends of Sharon and who have read the appendix of the Kahan Commission Report, have stated categorically that *Time* simply lied when "quoting" Sharon in his conversation with the Jemayels after Bashir Jemayel's death.

I hope the American court will come to the same conclusion. But the truth will remain regardless of the court's verdict.

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